



# Happy New Year!



## CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



Year End Articles...1-8B

Thursday, December 30, 1999

"Edge of the AuSable River"

506

### Commissioners approve pay raises for county officials

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

County officials will receive pay raises as high as 21.7 percent, as of January 1, according to a salary schedule approved by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners at a special meeting held December 22.

According to County records, most salaried employees and officials have

received no pay raises within the last four years because of lack of funds. The approved schedule is:

- Clerk/Register of Deeds - from \$35,010 to \$41,000, or more than 17%;
- County Controller - from \$37,500 to \$39,000, or 4%;
- Equalization Director - from \$28,432 to \$34,600, or nearly 22%;
- Assistant Prosecutor - from \$43,264 to

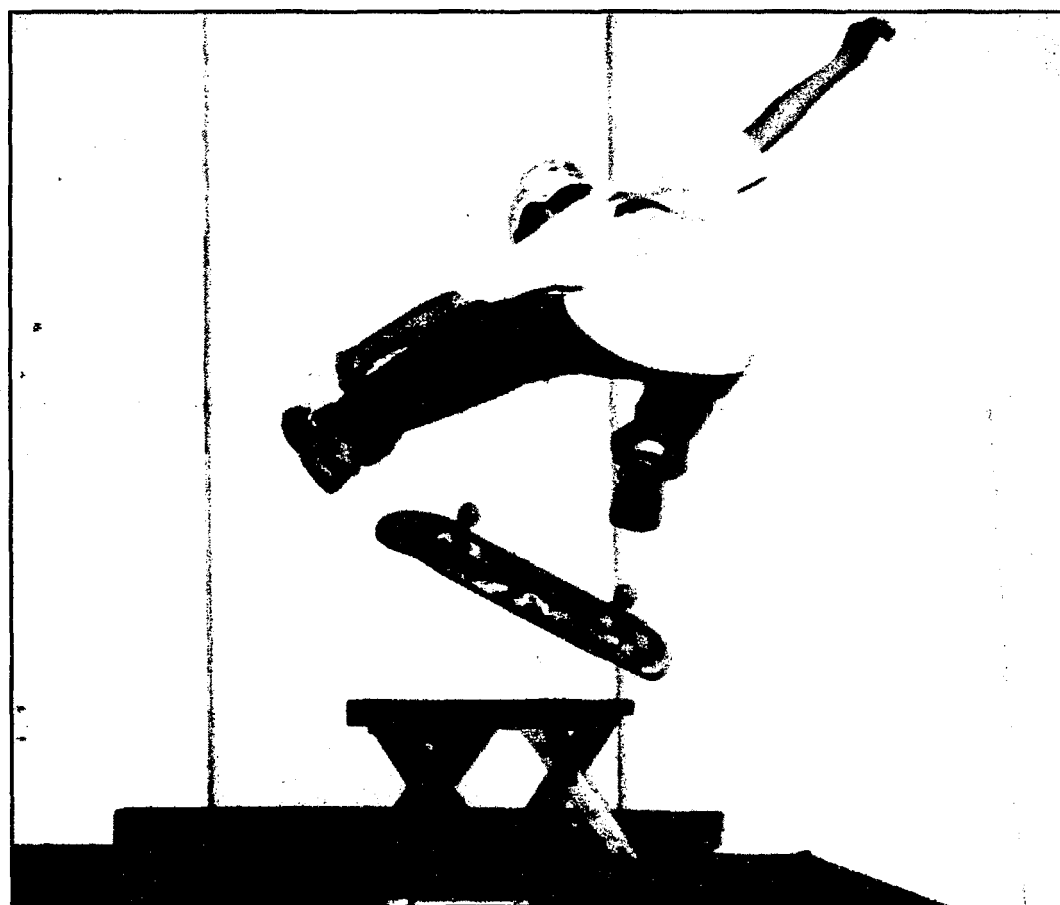
- \$48,000, or 10.9%;
- Prosecutor's Confidential Secretary - from \$20,020 to \$22,500, or more than 12%;
- Assistant Prosecutor's Secretary - from \$13,473 to \$15,000, or more than 11%;
- Building Inspector - from \$35,000 to \$36,400, or 4%;
- Zoning Inspector - from \$24,000 to \$24,960, or 4%;

- 4-H Coordinator - from \$10.35 to \$10.75 per hour, or nearly 4%;
- MIS Coordinator - from \$6,500 to \$7,350, or more than 13%;
- Maintenance Department Head - from \$21,500 to \$23,200, or nearly 8%;
- Sheriff - from \$35,010 to \$41,000, or more than 17%;
- Undersheriff - from \$32,888 to \$39,000, or more than 18.5%;

- Sheriff's Confidential Secretary - from \$21,218 to \$23,640, or more than 11%;
- Emergency Management Director/911 Dispatch - from \$27,000 to \$30,400, or more than 12.5%;
- Environmental Monitoring Official - from \$28,000 to \$30,000, or more than 7%.

Continued on Page 2A  
See "Commissioners approve pay..."

### Hanson Hills Skate Park opens



Local skaters, both skateboarders and in-line skaters, took to the ramps last Thursday at the opening day of the Hanson Hills Skate Park. Photo by Caleb Casey

### School Board approves GHS bond issues

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable Schools' Board of Education is preparing to take final steps needed to place not one, but two high school improvement bond issues on the next school election ballot.

At the Board's most recent meeting December 20, they agreed to the June 12 election date, saving the district's taxpayers about \$3,500 in balloting costs had they voted for a separate ballot on March 22.

The board has applied to the Michigan Department of Treasury to present two proposals this summer. Proposal I will pay for additions and renovations at Grayling High School, which opened in 1973.

The first proposal will include the

complete replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. Annual maintenance and repairs to the existing system has cost the district an average of \$45,000 for the past few years. The addition of five classrooms and renovation of existing classrooms to meet the needs of current curriculum will also be accomplished if the issue is passed.

Also included in Proposal I will be the construction of a new cafeteria and kitchen, as well as more office space.

An assessment of 1.25 additional mills will be required of taxpayers if the \$13,370,000 issue is approved by the voters.

Proposal II concerns additions and renovations to the school's gymnasium, including re-configu-

ration of access points. This proposal will ask for \$2,500,000 or a required additional half mill.

School Board member Melvin Nunn said the Board would like to see both proposals pass because the school is in need of space, upgrading and because of the many complaints regarding the heating system, "but, we need to start somewhere."

Nunn also said the Board has heard comments from many taxpayers that perhaps past proposals were too big, so the Board divided the proposal into two seemingly logical and feasible plans.

The Board expects to hear from the Department of Treasury within a month regarding approval of the bond issue, after which they will proceed accordingly.

### New Year's Day was not always on January 1

The following is a reprint from the December 31, 1953 edition of the *Avalanche*.

New Year's was not always celebrated on January 1. In fact, even today New Years comes on different dates for some people.

Prior to September 14, 1752, England and her colonies regarded January 1 with indifference because New Year's day was observed on

March 25.

Today many people who continue to use the Gregorian calendar still solemnize traditional feasts, including New Year, on different days. The Gregorian calendar was not presented to the world until 1562 by Pope Gregory XIII.

The Jews observe a 10-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox, beginning on Rosh

Hashana and ending on Yom Kippur.

The Moslem calendar (dating from 626 A.D.) has 12 months of the year that begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. As a result, New Years and months retrograde through the entire year in about 33 1/2 years.

### Sheriff issues Y2K preparedness statement

Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely issued a written statement on December 27 to inform the general public of New Year's preparations made within his department and other agencies in case of Year 2000-related problems:

"As Sheriff, I have been through training, several meetings and discussions on the year 2000 changeover. It is my strong belief that we will not have any problem for the following reasons:

" • All county government computers have been upgraded as they

relate to law enforcement and 911 Dispatch.

" • A meeting with Larry Akers, Emergency Preparedness Director, indicates that all major utilities stated they believe to be in compliance, with minor exceptions the electric company, who believe they will not have any problems, except for small temporary isolated outages.

" • The state and local governments seem to be up to snuff, but have expressed concerns over the dissidents who may cause an incident to inflict terror on people.

" • One aspect, which may help us in last minute planning, is that we will have a 17-hour window as to the effects of Y2K due to the international time zones. This must be kept in perspective as the United States has planned ahead more than any other country in the world. Although we most likely could not correct unplanned foreign situations, we should be able to plan for them.

"With this in mind, I still believe that we are going to see little difference in our livelihood. As we rarely have tornadoes in our area, we still make contingency plans for them as we have for the millennium change.

"You should plan to have on hand food and water for a week or more, and possibly alternative energy sources in case of minor outages.

"The Sheriff's Office will have an

Continued on Page 2A  
See "Sheriff issues statement..."

### Seat opens on Library Board

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

In a letter addressed to Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore, Sandra Briney gave her resignation from the Crawford County Library Board of Trustees.

"I do this with great sadness and hopefulness," she wrote. "I believe our library is moving toward an enlightened future, and I wish I was able to be here for this remarkable journey."

Briney recently moved to Wisconsin, where her husband has taken a ministerial position with a church.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will most likely review applications and schedule interviews to fill Briney's seat after their January organizational meeting.

### Local college student to teach in Central America again

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

She's done it before and she's going to do it again. Sarah Amman of Grayling will return to a village in Honduras to continue her work as an English teacher.

A 1996 Grayling High School graduate, Amman is currently a senior at Alma College, majoring in English, with a double minor in Spanish and Women's Studies.

Amman will leave in February for El Nuevo Paraiso, a community of new housing built after Hurricane Mitch ravaged parts of Central America.

For about 10 months, she will teach English to children at a volunteer center in this poor Catholic community. She also hopes to hold night classes for the single

mothers that make up the community.

Before her last trip to Honduras in 1998, Amman was unsure where life would lead her or how she would put her education to use. "The first time I travelled to Honduras, I didn't know what I wanted to do, but I knew I wanted to help mankind in some way," she said. The work she encountered gave her the direction she was looking for.

"What better way to contribute in this life than to visit a foreign country and bring a new dimension to people's lives?" Amman said.

Upon completing her college education, Amman said she hopes to open a community center for Hispanic youths somewhere in the United States.

8th grader wins middle school Geography Bee	2A
Snowshoe Center hosts Winter Trails 2000	8A
Senior Perspective	11A
Special Year End Section	1-8B
1999-2000 Football Contest	9B

### Crawford County Avalanche

Crawford County's Newspaper since 1878

1000 N. W. 10th St., Grayling, MI 49735

Phone: (517) 342-1111 Fax: (517) 342-1112

WWW.CRAWFORDCOUNTYMI.COM

Business Directory	7-9A
Church Directory	6A
Classifieds	11-14B
Facts & Features	10B
Legal Notices	8B
Opinions	4A
Sports	9A
Obits	10A

## Eighth grader wins middle school Geography Bee



Photo courtesy of Grayling Middle School

**THEY KNOW GEOGRAPHY** Tim Domcik (left) was the top winner in Grayling Middle School's recent Geography Bee. Holding the banner with him are third place winner, Zac Baker, and second place winner, Zak Timmons. Grayling Middle School Teacher Mary Nama joins the young men for the photo.

### Sheriff issues statement of Y2K preparedness

Continued from Page 1A

officer stationed at each township office from 11 p.m. on New Year's Eve until 12:30 a.m. on New Year's Day, unless needed elsewhere.

"The Sheriff's Office has generator back-up for our radio communication and cellular phones.

One aspect I will mention is that the telephone company, as I'm told, is only equipped to handle a certain percentage of local calls. Therefore, if you do not get a dial tone right away, just after the New Year, stay on the line and the system will cycle to get your line a tone, enabling you to place your call.

"My staff and I look forward to serving you in the new millennium."

Tim Domcik, an eighth grade student at Grayling Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee on December 8 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level bee, where students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 12th Annual National Geography Bee, sponsored by the

National Geographic Society.

The kick-off for this year's Bee was the week of November 29, with students in each social studies class answering seven questions. The top winner from each class advanced to semi-final competition. There were 20 students from grades 6-8 competing for the ten top spots in the finals. Local business contributed prizes for the

competition.

Seventh grader Zak Timmons placed second and sixth grader Zac Baker placed third.

Domcik will now take a written test to determine his eligibility for the April 7 state Bee. State winners advance to the national championship in Washington, D.C. The national champion receives the \$25,000 scholarship.

### Commissioners approve pay raises for county officials

Continued from Page 1A

County Controller Paul Compo advised the Board that all new salaries were already figured into the fiscal budget and, upon their approval, would be valid through September 2000.

Two county officials did not have pay raises approved due to pending circumstances. Treasurer Joseph Wakeley's annual salary will remain

at its current level of \$35,010 until the Board receives word concerning his application for Grayling City Manager. If Wakeley should leave the County for that or any other job, the salary would remain the same. If Wakeley stays with the County, the Board will most likely approve raising his salary to \$41,000 as budgeted.

"The raise is based on his 25

years of experience," said Board Chair Lynnette Corlew. "We will not give the same pay to a newcomer who has less experience and who we have to train."

County Prosecutor John Huss' salary will remain the same for now. He is currently in negotiations with the County Board regarding an expansion of his services and a pay increase.

**Roscommon County**  
**Abstract & Title**  
108 Burton Court • P.O. Box 581 • Grayling, MI 49738

**Offering These Services With Over 50 Years Experience**

- Title Insurance
- Searches
- Document Preparation
- Closings
- Abstracts
- Tract Book Rental
- Escrow Services

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
The amount of insurance under an owner's policy will be established by the market value or sale price of the property.

**Phone: 517-348-9832 • Fax: 517-348-7511**

**Now Opening an office in Roscommon!**  
Roscommon County Title - 517-821-4544

**New Years Eve at The Kaliseum**  
December 31, 1999  
9 pm to 12:30 am  
Admission \$5 • Skate Rental \$3  
**Come On Out And Party With Us**  
**Kaliseum**  
Recreation Complex  
Admission: Youth • \$2 • Adult • \$3  
Skate Rental • \$3  
1/2 mile west on M-72 from 131 North  
(231) 258-5913

# NEW YEARS DAY

# 1/2 OFF

## HALF THE STORE

### New Years Day Only!

### 11 AM TO 5 PM

M-72 WEST. GRAYLING  
348-2961  
CORNER OF M-55 & M-18 SOUTH,  
PRUDENVILLE  
517-366-3808

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK  
FREE DELIVERY

WHERE WE FURNISH THE COMFORT, AND THE REST IS UP TO YOU

**COMFORT CENTER**  
FURNITURE STORES

# COA drops sponsorship of RSVP

Continued from Page 1A

Shelley Pinkelman advised the board of the particulars.

Pinkelman said COA has opted to discontinue sponsorship because, although the commission spends about \$9,000 annually on the program, it is only allowed to use five percent of its employment capabilities for COA purposes. Without being the sponsoring agency, COA would be able to use up to 100 percent for its services at the Senior

Center or for seniors in need within Crawford and Roscommon Counties.

Under normal circumstances, a local organization sponsors RSVP and not a county or government entity. Pinkelman said some interest has been shown by the Grayling Eagles Auxiliary to become RSVP's next sponsor.

County Controller Paul Compo commented he had spoken to the same director of RSVP that oversees

the program throughout Michigan. Compo said the director is sending out packets to those in the bi-county area that may be interested in sponsorship, but prefers sponsors to be public or private, non-profit groups.

"All programs that RSVP is responsible for, like Meals On Wheels, will continue," Pinkelman said. "But, they are having difficulty finding a director that will stay with the program."

Other services rendered by RSVP

members are rides to doctor and dentist appointments, as well as other medical treatment. Volunteers also help with housekeeping, personal needs and provide companionship to the homebound.

"No one seems to be real worried about the sponsorship issue," Compo said. The Board stated their satisfaction with Compo's findings and he advised them that he would keep them informed of developments in the matter.

## GMS announces Students of the Month



Photo courtesy of Grayling Middle School

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** - Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for December are: Elizabeth Banda, Katie Baynham, Mike Bordeaux, Kyle Bond, Beth Brewer, Luke Bryant, Margaret Budd, Jessica Cooper, Wayne Cottrell, Kris Curtis, Emily Dunkley, Jacob Emmons, Gary Feeny, Mitchell Freeman, Michael Gassman, Mike Hartig, Zeke Hayes, Joe Lange, James Markert, Justin Markert, Michael Mathews, Kassie McClain, Mark Mikulin, Greg Morrill, Matt Nederhoed, Greg Pittman, William Pittman, Becky Ramaswamy, Meagan Roby, Danielle Ross, John Schneider, Nick Terry, Calvin Trudgeon, Jenny VanNuck, Andrew Vos, Chelsea Wolcott.

HANSON HILLS  
SKATE PARK

**NOW OPEN**

**SPECIAL  
INTRODUCTORY PRICE**

FOR THE MONTH OF

JANUARY

ONLY \$40

**HOLIDAY HOURS**

SUNDAY 11AM-5PM

MONDAY 11AM-8PM

TUESDAY 11AM-8PM

WEDNESDAY 11AM-5PM

THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY 11AM-8PM

**HOLIDAY PRICES**

11AM-8PM ... \$6

11AM-5PM ... \$4

The  
**Avalanche**  
will be  
closed  
Friday,  
December 31  
in celebration of  
the New Year

*We're Flexible!*

**Flexible Contracts Now Available!**

6 MONTH • 1 YEAR • 18 MONTH • 2 YEAR • 3 YEAR

Phone Prices And Activation Fee Varies With Contract Term.

**CELLULARONE**

**NOKIA 918**

*Special Holiday Savings*

**99¢\***

Regular Retail Value of \$116.00

Activation Fee ... **FREE!**

Accessory Pack ... **99¢\***

\*With 2-Year Service Term

*Special Holiday Hours*

**AT OUR SALES AND SERVICE CENTERS**

Monday - Friday ... 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday ... 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday ... 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

*Now Through December 24, 1999*

**CALL 1-800-CELLONE**

FOR THE LOCATION NEAREST YOU!

*Happy Holidays!*

*Check Out*

**OUR NEW RATE PLANS!**

**Millennium 2000**

Come Crash with  
Mo-Jo and the Boogie Man  
at the Holiday Inn of Grayling

8:30 pm - 2 am

\$25 in advance • \$30 at the door

No reserved seating

Price includes: live music, champagne  
toast, brunch buffet,  
millennium  
souvenir &  
door prizes

To purchase tickets or for more information please contact the  
front desk at Holiday Inn of Grayling

2650 I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738  
517-348-7611 or 800-292-9055

**The PARTY  
OF THE CENTURY!**  
**New Year's Eve Party**  
**Join us at the**  
**Sawmill**

**December 31st**

**What will the New Millennium  
bring?**

**Ask "Mr. Hand"**

**Live Music Starting at 9 pm**

**PARTY FAVORS  
MUNCHIES AT  
MIDNIGHT**

NO COVER CHARGE

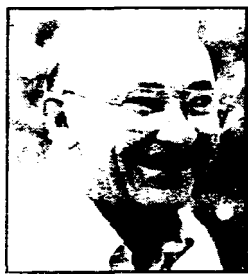
MUST BE 21 WITH PICTURE ID

**SAWMILL  
TAVERN**  
**FOOD & SPIRITS**

104 Michigan Ave., Grayling • 348-4588



# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### It's not too late for 'Bah' and 'Humbug'

SO Y2K is at hand, and we're about to move into 2000?

So what's the big deal?

Maybe at least a touch of "Bah" and a slight pinch of "Humbug" are in order to put the millennium in perspective.

For one thing, there's this drama about whether as a world we've technologized ourselves into oblivion -- or at least into some mighty uncomfortable times just ahead.

We've turned over to computers so much of our everyday life and living that if the technology can't handle a simple little thing like switching from a cycle ending 1999 into a cycle starting 2000, then we're all helpless.

Everything stops, unless the computers work all right.

Well, we survived before computers and we can survive without

them. Things would be different, but maybe the world would be better off -- at least for a little while -- without all the technological frills that have become necessities.

There are bound to be glitches here and there, but it won't happen on a large scale (he said, hopefully).

No matter. We'll survive. A peck of "Bah" and a bushel of "Humbug" to those who insist we can't.

**COMPUTER CONCERN** pales beside the judgement that the world flirts with Armageddon .... that the end of the world is at hand.

The Bible says so. Or it's written in the stars. Or something.

Doomsday predictions are tied to numbers. We're approaching 2000, and that signals the end of everything. If that's true, then the Y2K computer problems don't mean a

thing anyway.

But it's not true (he said, again hopefully).

The numbers in our calendar -- to which much of the end-of-the-world hype is related -- are artificial numbers in the first place.

Today's calendar is tied to the birth of Christ. Human beings devised the calendar, not the stars nor God nor anything more other-worldly than people of the times.

Millions alive today don't believe in Jesus Christ, or don't accept Him as truly God. To them, then, a calendar tied to the birth of Jesus Christ should make no difference. And to followers of some religions, the calendar which ordains the year 2000 is at hand makes no sense at all.

In fact, there is not even universal agreement about when Jesus Christ was born and when He died, so the

modern calendar may be off three or five or 10 or 20 years, one way or another, even for those who believe that Jesus Christ is God.

As for the world ending: It will happen sometime, and a little bit of reverent awe never hurt anybody, and might even be a good thing these days.

But folks who predict the end of the world, just because the calendar says 2000, deserve another big serving of "Bah" and a second helping of "Humbug."

**AS FOR ME**, before New Year's Eve, I'm going to withdraw a bit of cash from the bank .... fill up the cars with gas .... lay up a few groceries and enough batteries for all the flashlights and lamps which don't work ... and sit out a quiet New Year's Eve at home with the family.

Nothing terrible is going to happen at the stroke of midnight .... but why take a chance?

**THE PAPERS** have been crammed for weeks with lists.

That's normal as a year ends. But now we have the end of the year, plus the end of the 10-year decade, the 100-year century and the 1,000-year millennium.

The media have not disappointed. We've had list after list.

I haven't read a single one with which I agree completely. It's all personal judgement, of course.

My biggest complaint is that these lists seem to be compiled by a bunch of 30-year-olds sitting around a table, talking to each other.

Oh, sure, they'll throw in a Mary Pickford or a Jim Thorpe every once in a while. But generally their lists

are top-heavy with people and events from the last 20 or 30 years.

To most of us, history begins when we're born, or at least when memory begins.

Anything that happens before then is of small consequence.

Granted, these comments come from a person who has survived his allotted three-score-and-10 life span, and whose memory reaches back to the Depression Days of the 1930s.

So maybe I'm entitled to pass on a bit of "Bah" and a dollop of "Humbug" every now and then. I'll try not to overdo it.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

# EDITOR

## Donation appreciated

To the editor,

This letter is in response to the letter from Mr. Evon.

More than three years ago, four of us sat around a small table in the cold, damp basement (also known as the children's room) of the Crawford County Library. We planned to start a "Friends of the Library" group with the aim of someday building a much needed new building. Shirley Schmoock, Dee Hall, Tracie Compton and I listed all the drawbacks to the work ahead, but persevered.

We now have more than 35 members who pay \$10 a year dues and volunteer many hours of their time and talents.

We appreciate Ms. Devereaux

and her generous offer to help us all achieve our goal. We need all of the communities' support.

Libraries are more than lenders of books. They are community meeting places, children's study areas, computer centers and much more.

Our current building is old, leaky, disintegrating and sorely lacking in space.

Please come and visit us. The next Friends of the Library meeting is the 4th Monday of January at 10:30 a.m. in the children's room of the Crawford County Library.

Barbara Spasoff  
President, Friends of the Library

## New library -- money well spent

To the editor,

I was surprised to read Mr. Art Evon's comments about the generous donation for our new library. In a small town like Grayling, the library is important: always there for both young people and those of us who are more mature.

What better way to spend a tax

dollar than to provide a place where anyone can find information, read for pleasure, or "travel the world!"

There are few recreational opportunities where you get so much for so little!

Linda Stephens  
Grayling

## Library issue will get 'yes' vote

To the editor,

I would like to express my appreciation to Ms. Devereaux for her generous contribution to the future community library.

I will be voting "yes" when it is on the ballot.

Doty Latuszek  
Grayling

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of *The Crawford County Avalanche*.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE**  
PO Box 100, Grayling, MI 49738  
Phone: 531-6066 Fax: 531-6069  
Published by Crawford County Avalanche, Inc. Ann Marie Milliman, president.  
Members of the Michigan Press Association and the National Newspaper Association.  
USPS 036-960 Entered as Second-Class at the Post Office at Grayling, MI 49738 under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. Published at 102 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. For changing address, send US Post Office Form 3545 to the Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 400, Grayling, MI 49738.  
Subscription Rates: Single copy \$2.00. Annual subscription \$20.00. (Outside the US, add \$10.00 per year for postage and handling charges.) Subscriptions are non-refundable.  
Check us out on the Internet at [www.townnews.com/avalanche/](http://www.townnews.com/avalanche/)

<b>Amy DuBay</b> Composition	<b>Linda Golnick</b> General Manager	<b>Debbie St. Germain</b> Advertising Sales
<b>Chris Kenney</b> Composition	<b>Connie Beard</b> Production Manager	<b>Betty Pearl</b> Advertising Sales
<b>Anne D. Toprak</b> Composition	<b>Cheryl Raley</b> Staff Writer	<b>Sandra Collen</b> Business Office
<b>Susan Warrington</b> Composition	<b>Caleb Casey</b> Staff Writer	<b>Tracie Prause</b> Business Office

## Is Pastor 'B' the voice of all local clergy?

To the editor,

Nearly every mainline seminary in the country is teaching its graduates to understand and appreciate the Bible without literalizing or mythicizing it as "the Word of God."

Few scholars would disagree with the more liberal understanding expressed by Bishop Shelby Spong who is willing to question the birth narratives and the resurrection and does not see this as a compromise to the essence of the teachings of Jesus.

Robert Eisenman is professor of Middle East Religions and Archaeology and the Director of the Institute for the Study of Judeo-Christian Origins at California State University at Long Beach. He is also the Visiting Senior Member of Linacre College at Oxford University. After extensive research into the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Nag Hamadi Library and the Koran, he compared them with the Biblical accounts in the New Testament in a book titled, *James the Brother of Jesus*.

In this book, Eisenman states, "The first ten of fifteen chapters of Acts are so imaginary as to contain almost no overtly historical material that one can entertain with any

degree of certitude." In regard to the Gospels, he states that "...none of the facts of Jesus' life as they are normally represented (in the Gospels) fit readily into the history of this period."

This is not about bashing the Bible, it's about how we have used the Bible to bash people. Unfortunately, when we are willing to accept that the Bible is "God's immutable Word" it is a very short leap to assuming that how I interpret the Bible is also God's immutable Word.

It is a fact of history that the only existing representation of Christian thought used its understanding of the Word of God to torture people into confessions of heresy. The Bible has been used to support burning thousands of women and a few men accused of being witches. Scripture has been used to support the enslavement of people of color. It has been within the lifetime of my mother that women were granted the right to vote. The suppression of women for nearly 2,000 years was supported by the Christian church's understanding of the Bible.

Have we learned from these lessons? No! Today there are those who continue to use the Bible to

support their homophobia. Someday, that too will pass.

Unfortunately, the residue of this homophobia that lingers in the minds of even moderate thinkers is that homosexual behavior is synonymous with immorality. Indeed, there are immoral persons whose sexual orientation is toward homosexuality. But, who can deny that there are as many heterosexuals that are immoral. In fact, statistics reveal that the percentage of predators who commit rape and child molestation are disproportionately heterosexuals. Homosexuality is an orientation with which one is born. Acting on one's sexual orientation in a mutually consenting, respectful and committed relationship is not immoral. Immorality is a choice where people are reduced as objects for one's gratification.

It is unfortunate, in my opinion, that the only voice representing the Christian religion consistently being heard in our community is the column "The Bible Speaks." Even though I am ordained I do not, at this stage in my religious life, regularly attend church. Yet, I consistently study religious and philosophical books and related material, including the Bible. It is this that

provides me with a rich and stimulating inner life.

If I were required to assume that Pastor "B" represented the basic view of Christianity, I would be left with no choice but to reject that religion in its entirety. I feel it would be a grave disservice to myself and the human family to accept, and thus support, the hostile, bigoted and sectarian attitudes that lie thinly veiled behind a condescending, religiously-loving smile that cannot comprehend that putting your arm around persons who are viewed as potential converts is not the same as embracing diversity.

It might be refreshing to know that the religious community has many voices. Many of them are caring and sensitive. Most are sensible and responsible. Yet, other than a few letters to the editor, all but one of these voices is silent. I would like to know how other clergy view the task of the religious community in the 21st Century. It would be a service to our community to let those of us who choose to not attend worship know that religion has another side that can be sensible, compassionate and inclusive.

Terry Dickinson  
Grayling

## New group is grateful for first-year support

To the editor,

"Lewiston's Best Friends" (LBF) appreciates all the residents and businesses in the area who have supported our efforts in 1999.

We applaud our friend in Mio who sends us a generous donation every month and the person in Lewiston who sent us a donation in memory of a loved one.

We have a friend in St. Helen who has sent us bundles of Carter's slips and many who send us Spartan UPCs. We also acknowledge those persons who, upon seeing one of our group, slip us ten or 20 dollars "for the animals," pairs of encouragement and smiles of support.

We're a young organization, but we're proud that this year, with the help of Jean Marx from Animal Crafters, Keith Huff from the Otsego County Animal Shelter, Dixie Lobsinger from the Animal Shelter of Crawford County and some dedicated area veterinarians who believe in our mission, we have spayed and neutered 404 animals.

That's more than one animal a day, and we only received our federal non-profit status in February!

Next year, with the help of our friends, we will increase this total number. And, in five years, the amount of unwanted and homeless animals will be reduced in our region.

No longer will we receive word of an unwanted puppy left at a local business, an unwanted kitten so dehydrated its eyes cannot open, or a family pet being shot because he pursued an unsprayed female tied to a stake in a backyard.

If you need help with spaying or neutering services, or just want more information on our organization, drop us a note at: P.O. Box 969, Lewiston, MI 49756.

Remember that in the new year we will continue to mark our territory with spays and neuters.

Sally Brand, Gail Lee and  
Maggie Tatum  
Lewiston's Best Friends

## Locals missed chance to own funeral home

To the editor,

Since the Sorenson Funeral Home changed hands, some issues and concerns have been aired regarding its sale this year. I would like to help clear things up.

In 1993, I asked Derek and Denise McEvers for a tangible commitment to purchase the funeral home from them upon their retirement. They offered to us a letter proposing a right of first refusal. We indicated to them at that time that we were looking for something more definite and that we were willing to discuss other options. However, they were not interested in discussing the issue any further, as they were not yet ready to retire.

Naively, we didn't press the issue or ask for the right of first refusal. We thought that, as their retirement neared, they would be more willing to discuss and negotiate more specific terms. We trusted in our friendship and working relationship, that when the time was right for them, they would initiate the discussion.

However, when that time came, we were not made aware of it or of the fact that the funeral home was up for sale. We had no knowledge of it being sold until a few weeks before the final papers were to be signed.

At that point, we wrote a letter to Derek and Denise asking for an opportunity to meet the current offer, as they had yet to sign a purchase agreement. We received no written response to this letter.

The funeral home was then sold to Dean Meyering. I have been working with him for the past six months.

To clarify, a letter of intending a right of first refusal was offered to us six years ago. The terms were not negotiable; other options were not offered. We did not sign a right of first refusal, legally allowing the McEvers to sell their property to anybody.

We apologize for any confusion we may have caused in this matter.

David and Patty Lashley  
Grayling



# BRIEFS

## Michelson hosts all-you-can-eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will host an all-you-can-eat soup, sandwich, salad and dessert luncheon on Thursday, January 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$4.50 per person. Take out ordering will be available and everyone is welcome.

## Red Cross blood drive scheduled

A Crawford County Red Cross blood drive is planned for Wednesday, January 5, from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, located at 106 South James Street in Grayling.

## City, County offices close for holiday

The Crawford County Courthouse and all county offices will close for the New Year holiday at the close of the business day on Thursday, December 30 and re-open Monday, January 3, 2000 for regular office hours. Grayling City offices will also be closed for New Year's on Friday, December 31 and re-open the following Monday.

## HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 10, which covers a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like answered in this column, please send them to: Health Education Department, in care of your local Health Department.

### Hidden Fats in Foods

Question: I tried to reduce the amount of fat I consume each day by cutting back on meat and counting fat grams in other foods. I was shocked to find out that I was still consuming a large amount of fat. Isn't meat the main source of fat in our diets? How can I cut down on fat consumption in other foods?

Signed: Fat conscious friend

Answer: Actually, meat is not the only major source of fat in the American diet. In a typical diet, meats, fish and poultry contribute about 34% of the fat we consume. Another 15% comes from eggs and dairy products. However, a whopping 44% or the majority of the fat we consume comes from vegetable oils, shortening, butter or margarine.

Many of these fat calorie are hidden in snack foods, salad dressings, desserts, casseroles, packaged foods, etc. The trick is to read labels carefully to determine just how much fat you are eating.

Often, one of the best ways to consume less fat is to substitute other foods for ones you typically eat. For example:

- Instead of your morning croissant, eat a plain bagel. This will

save ten grams of fat.

- Instead of a whole egg in an omelet, eat just the white. This will save six grams of fat.

- Substitute one ounce of plain air popped pop corn for one ounce of corn chips. This will save nine grams of fat.

- Eating one cup of sorbet rather than one cup of premium ice cream. This will save 24 grams of fat.

- Rather than one ounce of oil roasted peanuts, try one ounce roasted chestnuts to save 13 grams of fat.

- Substitute a two ounce slice of angel food cake for a glazed donut to save another 13 grams of fat.

Learning to substitute foods can be a big help in cutting down on fats in the diet. The American Heart Association and American Cancer Society recommend that only 30% of all calories consumed each day should come from fats. In addition, learn to recognize what foods can contain hidden fats. Here are just a few examples of healthy sounding foods where hidden fats may reside:

- packaged rice and potato dishes
- stuffing mixes
- frozen vegetables in cream or butter sauces
- canned gravy
- crackers
- microwave popcorn
- granola bars
- toaster snacks and pastries
- flavored coffee mixes

There are many other innocent sounding sources of dietary fat. The trick is to learn to read food labels whenever you purchase a product. If more than 30% of the calories comes from fat, this item is high in fat and should be eaten in limited amounts.

## Kids create and donate warm winter head wear



Photos courtesy of Frederic Elementary School

**HATS HELP OUT** - The Frederic Elementary kindergarten and first grade classes have again, this Christmas season, made hats to distribute from the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. Each student made two hats or head bands, one for them and one to donate.



## Christmas Cheer delivered by area Vietnam Veterans

The Rose/Crawford Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter #264 is helping eight families, including three from Crawford County, with a little Christmas Cheer this holiday season.

An estimated 400 pounds of food was donated at My Place Restaurant in St. Helen, which served as a collection point for the Christmas project. Several toys and gifts were also donated.

Along with the food, toys and gifts, \$1,100 in cash and gift certi-

ates were distributed to the families, some of which experienced recent tragedies.

The 34-member Rose/Crawford VVA has received what they call generous support from many people in surrounding communities by their attendance at hot dog sales and participation, as well as sponsorship of raffles.

"Without you and your continued support," said a group spokesman, "We would not be able to help near as many nor near as much."

## Gerta's Draperies

"Everything in Window Treatments"

- Free Estimates
  - In-Home Appointments
- Excellent Customer Service Since 1958

517-732-3340

2281 OLD 27 SOUTH, GAYLORD

## Check Cur After Christmas Sale

Winter Hours Starting In January  
Mon. & Tues. 10 am to 6 pm • Closed Wed.  
Thurs. - Sat. 10 am to 6 pm • Sun. 11 am to 3 pm



Parrott's Perch  
Boutique

The place to shop in Grayling  
207 Michigan Avenue • 348-2743

## RIALTO

FALL & WINTER SCHEDULE  
7 & 9 PM FRI. & SAT.  
7:30 ONLY SUN.-THURS. Admission  
Adults - \$5.00  
Children under 12 - \$3.00

This Week's Movie Is  
Dec. 31 - Jan. 6

"THE MOST FUN YOU'LL HAVE AT THE MOVIES THIS YEAR!"

"WOW! WHAT A MOVIE... CAN I GIVE IT SIX STARS?!"



• Wednesday  
Bargain Night  
\$3.00 per person

• Friday &  
Saturday  
7:00 p.m.  
& 9:00 p.m.

• Sunday-  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m. only

Copy & Fax Service Available At The  
Crawford County Avalanche

348-6811

Have a safe and happy  
New Year!

## BOWLING

It's Fun!

Bowling is a great way to make new friends.

Sign Up Now For  
Half Season  
Bowling Leagues

American Legion  
Lounge & Lanes

106 James St.

348-7232



## New Year's Eve Dining Delights

New Year's Eve Smorgasbord

Friday, December 31 • 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Adults - \$22.50 • Seniors - \$17.95

Children 6-12 - \$11.95 • 5 & Under - 75¢ per year

Carved London broil of beef marinated and charbroiled, aujus served with horseradish, slipper lobster tails and sweet clear butter, stuffed crab with cocktail sauce, grilled quail and pheasant with raspberry barbeque sauce, chicken breast ala mushroom and marsala, tenderloin medallions of beef ala steak Diane, rice pilaf, stuffed baked potatoes, medley of broccoli, cauliflower and carrots.

Gourmet bar with fresh tossed salad greens, variety of fresh toppings, assorted house-made dressings, fruit and vegetable salads, assorted cheese and crackers, raw vegetables and dip, fresh seasonal fruit tray, raw oysters on the half shell, cold seafood bar with chilled crab legs, smoked whitefish, peel and eat shrimp, assorted baked dinner breads and rolls, coffee and soft drinks and a special New Year's Eve dessert!

Holiday Inn



2650 S. I-75 Bus. Lp. • Grayling  
(517) 348-7611 • (800) 292-9055

# The Bible Speaks

## Y2K is Here!

We wrote you about Y2K a year ago. We repeat part of a paragraph from that article: "There are doomsday groups urging people to stockpile weapons, food, energy sources, clothing, etc. There are other people laughing it off like some kind of a joke. Temperance and prudence are always wise counselors for times like this. Because of a (possible) rush on banks, grocery stores, gas stations, and other businesses, our worst danger could be a self-fulfilling prophecy promoted by last minute hoarding. Steps toward self-sufficiency for any emergency are always reasonable. A back up form of heating, lights, staple food supply, extra blankets, warm clothing and access to fresh water are always prudent. This does not require as much money as common sense and good judgment." Wise people living through the storms of northern Michigan have already learned how to prepare for bad winters.

Will Jesus Christ return this weekend or this year? Only a fool would try to convince people of the date of Christ's return. Jesus Christ told His disciples in Acts 1:6,7 that no one except God knows the time of His return to establish His earthly kingdom on earth. Is there something we can or should do to help bring this to pass? No! The time is God's time. The work is God's work. "... The

zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." (Isaiah 9:7) Only ignorant people would try to use terror or force to bring in God's kingdom. Bible believing people know better. All of us know by faith we are living in the last days before Christ returns, but no one knows the exact hour, day, week, or year.

Some who read their Bibles might ask, what does Matthew 24:3 and the response of Jesus Christ mean then? (Matthew 24:3) "And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" These were Jewish disciples requesting a sign of Christ's coming and of the end of the world. (1 Corinthians 1:22) "For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom." The signs Jesus Christ gives in this chapter will be fulfilled during the 7 years of tribulation before Jesus Christ returns to earth to rule and to reign for 1000 years from Jerusalem. This thousand year reign is specifically stated in Revelation 20.

But we, living in this church age, will see a growing increase of these signs over the years before we are raptured to be with Christ. For example, We will see the growing deceptions of antichrists. (Matthew 24:4,5) We will see the grow-

ing increase in national wars. (Matthew 24:6) We will see the growing increase in famines, pestilences, earthquakes, and violent storms. (Matthew 24:7,8) We will see both Jews and Christians more persecuted. (Matthew 24:9) We will see a growth in hatred and violence. (Matthew 24:10) We will see an increase in false religious leaders. (Matthew 24:11) We will see sin and evil multiplied and love diminished. (Matthew 24:12) But the church will be raptured to be with Christ before the day of Matthew 24:21: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be." Only the unsaved and unbelievers need fear that day.

"Pastor B" Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>.

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 am.

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

## River House receives \$3,200 grant

Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation granted \$3,200 to River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services for their building project. River House is planning to build a new shelter and transitional housing for victims of domestic violence in one of the four counties in its service area, in partnership with Mercy Housing Michigan. Estimates put the cost of the entire project at near \$1 million.

The shelter itself is predicted to cost about \$600,000, if the River House staff can raise enough money to fulfill all of the space needs of the program. The transitional housing will be part of a second phase, since the new shelter is the most critical need. Marilyn Madison, Director of River House, stated that "Weyerhaeuser's contribution to the early stages of this

project is an important contribution from the community."

River House is collaborating with Mercy Housing Michigan on the project after 13 years occupying an older building that the program has outgrown. The present facility is not accessible to persons with wheelchairs or other devices used by persons with physical disabilities, and the bedrooms and offices are overcrowded.

Early in January 2000, the two organizations will be initiating a fundraising campaign and intensifying the planning process for the new shelter. The first decision will be to choose a location somewhere in Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda, or Roscommon Counties. Weyerhaeuser's grant will be added to a fund collected in the past two years that will then total almost \$30,000. Another \$50,000 granted to Mercy Housing Michigan for the project from the McAuley Fund will be used for pre-development costs.

River House serves women and children in Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon Counties who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. When vic-

tims are in need of emergency shelter because of an incident of domestic violence or threatened violence, River House offers 16 beds in four rooms, for women and their children. A 24-hour, toll-free, crisis/support telephone line allows emergency access every day of the year. Counseling, advocacy, support groups, court advocacy, and youth services are provided to residential and non-residential families.

In addition, River House provides prevention programs in area schools and community education.

Between 150 and 300 women and children are served directly each year, about one-third of which are residents of the shelter at some time during the year. The purpose of the programs is to provide an option of safety and security, as well as empowerment and advocacy, for all women and children who are exposed to the danger of domestic violence or sexual assault in the four counties served by River House.

If you or someone you love is in an abusive relationship, and you would like to talk to an advocate, call the River House, toll-free, crisis line at 1-888-554-3169.

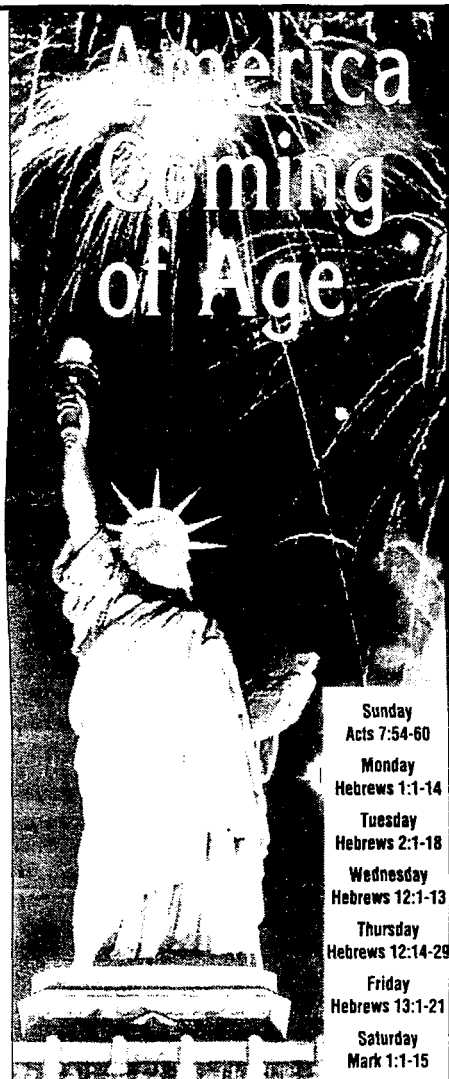
## Church Directory

As nations go, we are relatively young, but no longer a child nation or even an adolescent nation. America has passed through the stages of rebelling against the mother country, establishing itself as an autonomous entity, and becoming a world power commanding the respect of its peers.

Our leaders have tested this nation, discovering what its people will and will not tolerate. Morals have shifted back and forth and back again. Perhaps, as America comes of age in the twenty-first century, our wise and experienced leaders are prepared to be guides in the journey to world peace, leaving inner rebellion behind and focusing upon the future of mankind.

John F. Kennedy said, "...we must seek, above all, a world of peace; a world in which peoples dwell together in mutual respect and work together in mutual regard; a world where peace is not a mere interlude between wars, but an incentive to the creative energies of humanity."

May the new millennium bring a lasting peace to our world.



Scriptures Selected by The American Bible Society  
Copyright 1999, Keister-Williams Newspaper Services, P. O. Box 8005, Charlottesville, VA 22906

**Christian Science Society**  
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord  
Sunday Service: 10:30 am  
April through October  
2nd Wednesday: 8 pm

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Jeffrey Jagers  
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974  
Barrier Free

Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11 am  
Sunday School - Sept. - May: 9:45 to 10:45  
Sunday Radio Ministry: 8 am, 101.1 WQON  
Bible Study (Wed.): 10 am

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor Jeff Arthur  
Phone 348-4033  
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).  
Church Service: 9:30 am  
Sabbath School: 10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting Tues.: 7 pm

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School: 10 am  
Sunday Service & Children's Church: 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service: 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting: 7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 pm  
Thursday Discipleship Class: 7 pm  
Significant Singles Monday: 7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Morning Worship: 10:30 am  
Evening Service: 6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children: 7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President Larry A. Cook  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord  
Sacrament: 10 am  
Sunday School: 11 am  
Primary: 11 am  
Priesthood: 12 noon  
Relief Society: 12 noon

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**  
Pastor, James Briney  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship: 11 am  
Adult and Youth Sunday School: 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75  
Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Morning Worship: 11 am  
Evening Worship: 6 pm  
Wednesday: 7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
710 Spruce Street  
348-5224  
Sunday School: 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am  
Nursery is available

**Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
Pastor Patricia Fowler  
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.  
P.O. Box 1188  
Church School: 9:45 am  
Preaching: 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer: 7 pm

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**  
Rev. V. Schaap  
415 Ohio North, Gaylord  
Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Morning Worship: 11 am  
Evening Service: 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor  
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657  
Sabbath Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 6 pm  
Sunday Masses: 8:00 am  
Family Mass: 10:00 am  
Scripture Study (Sundays): 9:15 am  
Daily Masses: 6 pm  
Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Morning Worship: 11 am  
Evening Worship: 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study: 7 pm  
Blessing Radio (Internet): <http://blessing-radio.com>

**New Life Ministries**  
Pastor Jimmie McWatters  
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room  
517-536-7933 • jmcw@freeway.net  
Sunday Services: 11:00 am

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West  
Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Morning Worship: 10:30 am  
Evening Worship: 6 pm  
Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday: 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.): 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
Gordon French, Pastor  
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613  
Sunday Classes: 10 am  
Sunday Worship: 11 am  
Sunday Evening: 6 pm  
Wednesday  
Mid-Week Bible Study: 7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday School: 9 am  
Sunday Service: 10 am

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
Pastor Paul Rolfe  
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic  
Sunday Worship: 10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service: 7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor Lyle Studer  
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325  
Sunday School: 10 am  
Sunday Worship: 11 am & 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Evening: 7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
Affiliated with S.B.C.  
Pastor Terry Colby  
Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557  
Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Morning Worship: 11 am  
Evening Service: 6 pm  
Wednesday Service: 7 pm

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
Pastor Fred Coates  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska  
(616) 258-3448  
Sunday School: 10 am  
Worship Service: 11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour and Prayer  
Wednesday: 7 pm

**Lovells Chapel**  
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey  
Sunday School: 10 am  
Chapel Service: 11 am  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 7-8 pm

**Free Methodist**  
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor  
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd. (M-72 W.) • 348-5362  
Sunday School: 10 am  
Morning Service: 11 am  
Evening Service: 6 pm  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday): 7 pm

**Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran-Missouri Synod**  
Rev. Paul Boerger, Pastor  
905 N. I-75 Bus. Lp. • 348-5921 • 348-6504  
Sunday Worship: 8 & 10:30 am  
Sunday School & Bible Study: 9:15 am  
Tuesday Night School: 5:30 pm  
Wednesday am Bible Study: 9 am  
Advent Services Wed. Nights: 7 pm  
On December 1, 8 & 15  
Christmas Eve Candle Light Service: 7 pm  
New Years Eve Service: 7 pm

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
Rev. Robert Henley  
M-72 West - Office 348-5850  
Sunday Holy Eucharist: 8:30 & 10:30 am  
Morning Praise: 10:30 am  
(the second Sunday of each month)  
Adult & Children's Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Sunday nursery provided: 10:30 am  
by Licensed Daycare Professional  
Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday): 6:45 pm

**St. Martins Ev. Lutheran (Wels)**  
Herbert R. Filter - Pastor  
For information call 275-5443  
Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday mornings at 9 am, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

**Luzerne Baptist**  
Pastor James Durfee  
2247 Durfee Lane  
Sunday School: 10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 pm

**Unity of Gaylord**  
Rex Franklin, Minister  
Otsego Twp. Hall, Waters • (517) 786-3913  
Sunday Services: 10:30 am  
Sunday School: 10:30 am

## This Church Directory is sponsored by the following community-minded individuals and businesses

**LADY SLIPPER & MARY'S CORNER BOOK SWAP**  
Mary Coy & Bill Coy  
203 Michigan • 348-4731

**GRAYLING REEL, INC.**  
4622 West Young Road  
Phone 348-5071 • Grayling

**GRAYLING GLASS COMPANY**  
Ken & Carol Tasker  
503 McClellan • Grayling • 348-6641

**HOLIDAY INN**  
2600 I-75 Bus. Loop South  
348-7611 • Grayling, Mich. 49738

**ELIAS BROTHERS' BIG BOY RESTAURANT**  
Stop in after church for brunch  
348-7654 • 2222 S. Grayling Rd.

**MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING**  
"Caring for the Quality of Your Life"  
1100 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling • 348-5461

**SUZANNE J. TOUPIN D.C. MILLTOWN CHIROPRACTIC**  
1406 I-75 Business Loop  
Grayling, MI 49738

**DON KERNSTOCK LICENSED BUILDER**  
New Home Construction  
Remodeling • Garages  
348-8945 • Grayling

**DAVIS JEWELRY**  
"Guaranteed Watch, Jewelry and Ring Repair in Our Own Shop."  
235 Michigan Ave. • Grayling, MI 49738

**CORNELL REALTY, INC. CORNELL AGENCY, INC. REAL ESTATE & INSURANCE**  
I-75 Bus. Loop South • Grayling, Mich.  
Phone 348-6761 and 348-6481

**HAMRICK REAL ESTATE CO.**  
J. Lee Hamrick, Owner-Broker  
I-75 BL • across from "Golden Arches"  
348-5433  
Home • 348-8336

**SUPERIOR JANITORIAL SERVICES, INC.**  
Commercial Cleaning Service  
Phone 348-2114

**COMFORT CENTER**  
"We Furnish the Comfort... the Rest is Up to You!"  
The Miracle Mile • Grayling • 348-2961

**OLD KENT BANK OF GAYLORD**  
Old US-27 North • Grayling • 348-5435

**CARLISLE PADDLES, INC.**  
348-9886 • 4562 E. North Down River Rd.  
Grayling, Mich. 49738

**STEPHAN WOOD PRODUCTS**  
605 Huron • Grayling, MI

**NORTHERN APPRAISAL SERVICE**  
1380 Little John Ave. • Grayling, MI 49738  
(517) 348-4357

**JANSEN'S**  
Plumbing • Heating  
Fax 348-2010 • Phone 348-5571  
44 Years in Grayling

**MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT**  
"McDonald's and You"  
Breakfast served until 11 a.m. on Sundays  
I-75 Bus. Loop South • Ph. 348-2269  
Grayling, Michigan 49738

**DOORWAYS OF THE NORTH**  
Entrance Doors Made in Grayling  
Grayling, Mich. • 348-5426

**CENTURY 21 RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE, INC.**  
Sandy & Randy Thompson  
2375 S. I-75 Bus. Loop • 348-5474

**MOORE'S AUTOMOTIVE**  
348-6371 • 201 James • Grayling

**COMPUTER CONSULTANTS, INC.**  
Neal Michal - Owner  
Complete Computer Service  
Grayling, MI (517) 348-6592

**JANSEN INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.**  
Complete Insurance Service  
348-6711 • 237D S. I-75 BL • Grayling

**This Church Directory is used by residents and visitors.**  
If you wish to show your support for area churches, call the Avalanche, 348-6811, to be included on this page.



# Ross earns child development credential

Melanie Ross of Grayling has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession.

Ross is currently the Lead Teacher for Grayling Head Start's center-based program.

CDA is the only national effort to improve child care by evaluation and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care. The first credential was awarded 20 years ago, and now 46 states plus the District of Columbia include CDA in their child care licensing regulations.

Parents who use child care are especially concerned today about their children's welfare.

With this in mind, as part of the CDA assessment process, every candidate for the CDA credential is observed working with young children by an early childhood professional. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to work with families to develop children's physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy environment.

The CDA credential is having a positive effect on the quality of child care. Its impact is evident in center-based care as well as family child care, the most common form to care for children under five years old.

Child care staff and parents wanting information on CDA should write:

Council for Early Childhood

Professional Recognition, 2460 16th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

20009-3575.

The Council also welcomes calls

at (202) 265-9090 or 1-800-424-4310.



**CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL** -- Melanie Ross (far right) was recently awarded a Child Development Associate Credential. She is currently the Lead Teacher for the Head Start preschool program in Grayling.

## Slater named VP of Medical Affairs

Douglas Slater, M.D., has accepted the position of Vice President of Medical Affairs for Mercy Hospital Grayling, effective November 8, 1999.

Dr. Slater's new role includes strengthening the physician/hospital relationship, participation in strategic and business planning processes,

and serving as a medical liaison between medical staff, administration and the MHSN Board.

A native of Grayling, Dr. Slater has strong family ties to the local area.

His practice as a physician has been here since 1990 and it continues to flourish. Internal Medicine

and Pediatrics remain the foundation of his career.

"Being the best physician I can be for my patients will always remain the most important part of being a doctor; however, I am pleased to have been given the privilege to serve my colleagues and community in this capacity," states Dr. Slater.

## Early Deadlines for the Holidays!

Our office will also be closed on Friday New Year's Eve, December 31st. Display ads for the January 6th issue will be Thursday, December 30th.

*Happy Holidays*

### HANSON HILLS

PH: 1-888-876-2196, 517-348-9266  
www.hansonhills.org

*Family Value*

**Downhill Skiing**

Thursday & Friday  
Hours: 3:30pm - 8pm, Tow \$9

**Saturday**  
Hours: 11am - 5pm, Tow \$19,  
1/2 Day Tow \$12

**Sunday**  
Hours: 11am - 5pm, Tow \$12

**SKI LESSONS**

4 WEEKS FOR \$59  
OR 8 WEEKS FOR \$89

**Cross Country Skiing**

Monday-Friday - 9am - Dark, Children Free, Adults \$7.00  
Thursday & Friday - 3pm - 5pm, Children Free, Adults \$5.00

**Family Learn To Ski Package**

**Only \$120**

Saturday & Sundays  
Expires March 2000

Includes lift ticket, rental & group lesson for up to 6 family members!

# DIRECTORY

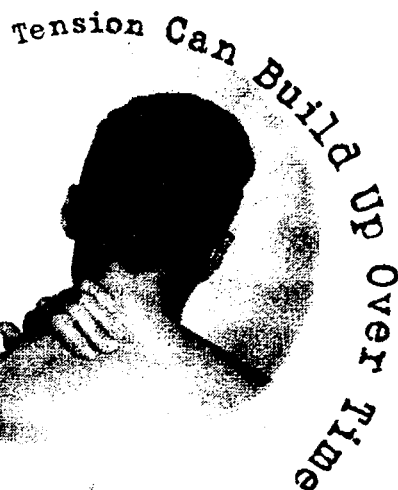
Put your business before over 8,000 readers and the Internet for \$92 for 6 months (\$3.54 per week)  
Home Page Address: [www.townnews.com/avalanche/](http://www.townnews.com/avalanche/)

BUILDING & REMODELING SERVICES			AREA SERVICES		
<b>MORTON BUILDINGS, INC.</b> Commercial and Industrial WAREHOUSES • RETAIL • STORAGE SHOWROOMS • OFFICES • SHOPS  www.mortonbuildings.com 616-258-2580 1-800-447-7436 Joe Hagerman	<b>JACK MILLIKIN, INC.</b> Excavating Masonry Work Redmix Concrete Complete Septic Systems & Cleaning <b>348-8411</b>	<b>Hebert Plumbing &amp; Heating</b> Residential & Commercial Plumbing • Heating • Mechanical Service available 24 hours • Custom Sheet Metal Shop Call for free estimates <b>348-4900</b> <b>26 N I-75 Bus. Loop • Grayling</b> (1 mile N of M-72 West light)	<b>SUPERIOR JANITORIAL SERVICE, INC.</b>  Commercial -- Industrial <b>PHONE 348-2114</b>	<b>Martin SCHILBE TREE CARE</b> Certified Arborist • Fully Insured Aerial Equipment • Tree Climbing View Development • Tree Trimming Tree Removal • Stump Grinding Custom Band Sawing Higgins Lake <b>517-821-8555 • 1-800-829-8555</b>	Professional Grooming done by Tina LaRoche <b>North Country Pet Resort</b> Call for appointment <b>821-9137</b>
<b>KARP'S INC.</b> Custom Kitchens & Quality Furniture Old World Craftsmanship <b>Homecrest III</b> More Than Meets The Eye	Complete Wood or Formica Kitchens • Bathrooms Countertops • Furniture  Over 20 years experience Builders Welcome  Denny Karp (517) 348-9300 <b>5625 M-72 W., Grayling, MI</b>	<b>BOB'S DIRT WORK</b> • Dozer • Backhoe • Dump Truck • Road Grader • Septic Systems • Site Work • Top Soil • Fill Dirt • Gravel <b>275-8786</b>	<b>MYERS LAND SURVEY CO., INC.</b> P.O. Box 831 Grayling, MI 49738 Ph. (517) 348-4036 <b>Marvin E. Myers, Licensed Surveyor</b> Michigan No. 31600	<b>Need a "Housewatcher"?</b> We will look after your seasonal or full-time home all 4 seasons. 1 week or 52. Reasonable Rates • Experienced Satisfaction Assured  Call AuSable Valley Security <b>517-348-6294 or 517-348-7333</b> The "Housewatcher People" Licensed & Bonded	<b>RENT THIS SPACE</b> Reach thousands of readers, and be on the Internet, for pennies a day...the Business Directory only costs \$92 for 6 months (\$3.54 per week)
<b>Dave Ross Builder</b> Licensed  Quality work in Grayling area since 1972 All types of Custom Homes & Remodeling Vinyl Siding P.O. Box 252, Grayling <b>348-6444</b>	<b>R. Calkins &amp; Sons Bull Dozing</b> • Sand • Gravel • Septic Systems • Site Preparation • Road Grading  Ron Calkins • Brian Calkins Brent Calkins Insured - Grayling, MI Ph. 517-348-8805 • Fax 517-348-4135	<b>S &amp; S Remodeling &amp; Construction</b>  Licensed 210 115 0024 & Insured Ph./Fax (517) 389-1652 • (517) 348-6877	<b>Gram's Antiques &amp; Collectables WANTED: To Buy</b>  All Glassware, Roseville, McCoy, Hall, Dep. Glass, Fishing Lures, Old Furniture, Heisey Precious Moments, Salt & Pepper and anything you might think is older.  <b>Call 1-888-473-2006</b>	<b>ACTIVE COMPUTERS &amp; TECHNOLOGIES</b> Your information source for the new millennium  Call us for assistance with: ► New Systems ► Networking ► Training ► Upgrading ► Supplies  <b>517-344-0505</b> 2342-D Industrial Street - Grayling - Michigan 49738 www.grayling-area.net/act	
Commercial • Industrial • Residential  <b>Primary Electric Co. Electrical Contractors</b> P.O. Box 398 Grayling, MI 49738  David Small Res. 348-4686	<b>PLUMB CONCRETE, INC.</b> CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION  POURED WALLS FLAT WORK CURB & GUTTER  PRUDENVILLE, MI 48651 PHONE/FAX (517) 366-7532	<b>PIERSON-GIBBS HOMES, INC.</b> BUILD YOUR OWN HOME The easy way We build the shell you finish it Save Thousands - Finish It Yourself Construction Financing Available Custom Home Builder Build Any Plan <b>Ken Huber (888) 242-5994</b>	<b>ADVANCED BUSINESS MACHINES, INC.</b>  "People dedicated to service" <b>SHARP COPIERS • FAX</b> 106 Michigan Ave. (517) 348-8717 GRAYLING, MI 1-800-922-5184	<b>Hartwick Pines Mobile Home Park</b> I-75 and M-93 at Roberts Road  A new mobile home park featuring: Paved Streets • Natural Gas Security • Snow Removal • Lighting • Trash Pick-up  Lot Rent \$180 per month Phone (517) 739-0600	
<b>RENT THIS SPACE</b> Reach thousands of readers, and be on the Internet, for pennies a day...the Business Directory only costs \$92 for 6 months (\$3.54 per week)	<b>Beckett Contracting, Inc.</b> P.O. Box 319, Grayling, MI 49738 Licensed • Insured New Homes • Additions • Siding Remodeling • Garages • Roofing <b>Phone 348-7237</b>	<b>JOHN HOWE Building &amp; Construction Licensed Builder</b> Homes • Garages • Decks • Additions Custom Quality Work 1460 E. North Down River Road Grayling, MI 49738 <b>(517) 348-8556</b>	<b>ARMY NAVY PINEVIEW SURPLUS &amp; SUPPLY</b> Dan & Chris Klatt 517-348-6300 Fax 517-348-7955 Pineview Motel 7328 Old 27 North Fredrick, MI 49733	<b>TREE TRIMMING &amp; REMOVAL</b> • Stump Grinding • Concrete or Wood Seawalls • Landscaping 30 years experience Guaranteed Construction Estimates Given & Insured <b>John Schilbe 517-275-5021 • 1-800-428-3091</b>	
<b>Taco's Commercial • Industrial • Residential</b> Interior • Exterior • Powerwashing Complete Wall Covering Service INSURED  (517) 348-6090 Fax (517) 348-1570  3126 W. Jones Lake Rd. Grayling	<b>James Parkinson</b> Remodeling Additions Siding Custom Homes Garages Roofing  (517) 348-8880 Grayling, Michigan Grayling, MI 49738	<b>¶ NEW PARAGRAPH ¶</b> Need Administrative or clerical assistance but can't afford a full-time employee? or, maybe you only need help from time to time for a special project. We're there when you need us. <b>WE OFFER:</b> Word Processing • Desktop Publishing • Transcription Web Page • Logo • Letterhead Design <b>SATISFACTION GUARANTEED</b> Call today for a FREE estimate <b>(517) 348-3367</b>	<b>Thermogas</b> PROPANE & APPLIANCES 525 N. Grayling Road, Grayling, MI 49738  Doug Hartshorn (517) 348-6241 District Sales Manager (800) 477-6241		





**Be Good To Yourself Ladies! Get your annual breast and cervical cancer screening tests!**  
District Health Department #10 offers **FREE** clinical breast exams, mammography, pap smears and pelvic exams for women age 40-64 who are underinsured and have a limited income. Call 1-800-968-7300 today to find out if you or a loved one qualify for this wonderful service.



Over time, the stress of balancing work, family, and personal time can be overwhelming. This is when you notice those small aches and pains turning into large ones. As Chiropractic professionals we take the time to explain and treat your conditions. And our office hours are designed to accommodate your hectic schedule. Call for an appointment today, your free time should be pain free time.

**Denholm Family Chiropractic**  
(517) 318-6600 333-DENHOLM (336-1656)

**Pain Management With A Personal Touch**  
Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm • 403 Huron Street (M72-E) • Grayling

## Snowshoe Center hosts Winter Trails 2000

Looking for a way to have fun in the snow? Well, you can take a hike -- on snowshoes. Michigan Snowshoe Center is hosting Winter Trails 2000 on Saturday, January 15, a day of snowshoeing for the entire family.

Winter Trails is sponsored by SnowSports Industries America (SIA) and the American Hiking Society (AHS) for the fourth consecutive winter.

The one-day event is geared toward summer hikers, families, fitness walkers, school groups and youth organizations that are interested in learning more about the sport of snowshoeing.

New snowshoes from SIA member companies as well as clothing will be available for people participating in a Winter Trails day event. Programs and activities will include the basics on getting started, back

country etiquette, how to dress, picking the right shoes, winter safety, and children's activities.

In addition to the snowshoe demos, the day will include seminars on winter and camping safety, guided hikes and food. Rod Binford will be on-site to demonstrate the construction of stained glass artwork, using a snowshoe as the frame.

Winter Trails 2000 is modeled after AHS's National Trails Day, a day of local events designed to bring people to hiking trails as the guests of trail clubs and agencies. This year there will be 14 Winter Trails events across the country. Last winter, the events attracted 5,200 participants at 11 sites, a 49% increase over 1998.

"I think Winter Trails has been successful not only because the program is educational, fun and family-oriented, but also because snowshoeing is absolutely soaring in popularity," said David Lillard, president of American Hiking Society.

"Snowshoeing is a great way to discover nature in winter and hiking clubs help everyone learn where the trails are," he said.

SIA is the national, non-profit, member-owned trade association of more than 800 competing snow sports product manufacturers, suppliers and distributors working together to promote and develop the snow sports industry.

AHS is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to establishing, protecting and maintaining foot trails in America. American Hiking has 8,500 individual members and 125 affiliate organizations representing approximately 500,000 hikers.

For Winter Trails information, visit [www.snowlink.com](http://www.snowlink.com) or [www.americanhiking.org](http://www.americanhiking.org) or call (888) SNO-HIKE.

For information on sponsorship opportunities or manufacturer participation, contact Roger Lohr, Winter Trails 2000 administrator, at (410) 552-0460 or by e-mail at [rblohr@qis.net](mailto:rblohr@qis.net).

## Winter Driving Tips

Winter is finally here and with it comes a whole different set of rules for safe driving. Take a few minutes to refresh your memory regarding winter driving...

- Use caution and common sense when driving in the winter. Vehicles cannot stop as fast on icy and snowy roads.
- Watch for scattered slippery spots, especially on overpasses, bridges and underpasses.
- Keep a shovel, warm blankets, bags of sand or cat litter in the trunk which can be used in case of emergency.
- If your vehicle does become stuck and you are unable to free it, run the engine and heater for only short periods of time and with the window partially rolled down. Make sure the end of the exhaust pipe is unobstructed.
- Stay in your vehicle in case of emergency.
- Keep the gas tank and windshield washer reservoir full.
- Make sure wiper blades and snow tires are in good condition prior to the start of the winter season.
- Clear snow and ice from windows, mirrors, hood, roof, headlights, tail lights and trunk. Use low-beam headlights in snow and fog.
- When applying the brakes on either snow or ice, avoid locking the brakes. This allows you to maintain steering control of the vehicle while obtaining maximum braking efficiency. On vehicles equipped with anti-lock brakes, do not pump the brake pedal -- apply steady pressure.
- Motorists who change lanes or merge on icy or snowy roads should proceed with caution. Watch out for other drivers.
- Always wear your safety belt.
- If you see a large plume of snow or yellow flashing lights, stay back -- it is probably a snowplow clearing the road.
- Keep telephone numbers for local tow service and/or roadside assistance in case your vehicle becomes disabled or stuck in the snow.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Game #1 Sawmill 68 - Lange Vending 56

Sawmill - Kirk 21, Dent 11, Contreras 10; Lange - Longendyke 16, LaForest 14, Donahoe 11

Game #2 Holiday Inn 54 - Glen's Market 49

Holiday Inn - Jay Mertes 14; Glen's - White 14

Game #3 Thermogas 80 - Margretheville 58

Thermogas - Church Jr. 28, Mann 19, Patterson 13, Church Sr. 12

Margretheville - Trenary 26, Ruddy 12

Game #4 Charlie's Plumbing 69 - Spike's 60

Charlie's - Madsen 17, Schoen 15, Adam Baynham 12, Rene Mertes 10

Spike's - Larm 19, Juntilla 13, Krey 12

### Standings

Sawmill	5 - 0
Lange Vending	4 - 1
Thermogas	4 - 1
Spike's	2 - 3
Margretheville	2 - 3
Holiday Inn	2 - 3
Charlie's Plumbing	1 - 4
Glen's Market	0 - 5

# DIRECTORY

Put your business before over 8,000 readers and the Internet for \$92 for 6 months (\$3.54 per week)  
Home Page Address: [www.townnews.com/avalanche/](http://www.townnews.com/avalanche/)

### BUILDING & REMODELING SERVICES

Licensed Insured  
**J.T. Cochrane CONSTRUCTION**  
Building Quality HOMES & COTTAGES  
Custom Siding • Decks & More  
888-254-8020 • 348-8527

**B & C Poured Walls**  
*You Can't Beat Concrete*  
Grayling, Michigan  
(517) 344-1200

**Don Kernstock**  
New Homes Remodeling Additions  
Garages Cement Work Roofing  
Licensed & Insured  
517-348-8945  
107 Kings Court, Grayling, MI 49738

**SCOTT'S SEPTIC SYSTEM SERVICE**  
Installation Cleaning Repairs  
Residential & Commercial • Complete Excavating Service • Radio Dispatched  
Insured • New Equipment  
Roscommon, MI • 275-5011

**Dan's Plumbing & Service**  
Licensed Master Plumber  
Licensed Mechanical Contractor  
PLUMBING HEATING INSTALLATION  
New Homes Remodeling of Kitchens & Baths Repairs  
Boilers Forced Air Repairs Free Estimates  
Dan Wichert • 348-2539

**Jansen's THE SERVICE STORE**  
Plumbing, Heating Sales & Service  
45 Years in Grayling  
FAX 348-2010 PHONE 348-5571

**HALE'S MASONRY, INC.**  
The Foundation Dreams Are Built On  
• Cultured Stone • Block • Brick • Flatwork  
• Fireplaces • Dozer • Backhoe • Septic • Drain fields • Lot clearing etc.  
Licensed & Insured  
(517) 348-8179

**MILLTOWN ELECTRIC**  
Residential • Commercial • Industrial  
Electrical • Energy Management  
Fire Alarms • Security Systems  
**RICK DAVIS**  
Licensed & Insured  
517-348-5280 • FAX 517-348-6101

*Full Service Salon*  
**402 James Grayling, MI 517-348-8555**  
Call Valerie, Jackie or Lynn for an appointment today!

**JIM'S WELL DRILLING**  
Water Wells • Pump Service  
Free Estimates • Residential & Commercial  
Grayling & Surrounding Area  
517-348-8788  
1.3 miles East of Grayling (M-72), 2 mile North on Clear Water Trail

**FREEZE ALARM**  
Remote Temperature Monitoring For Homes and Cabins.  
\$119.95 + Shipping & Tax  
NORTHERN MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS  
(517) 348-6574 or Order On-Line: [www.northernmechanical.com](http://www.northernmechanical.com)

**NORTHERN MECHANICAL**  
Heating and Air Conditioning  
• Heating • Air Conditioning • Sheet Metal Fabrication • Licensed Boiler Installer • 24 Years Experience • Insured • Licensed Mechanical Contractor  
517-348-6574

**Carl Gildner, Builder**  
(517) 348-4068  
Friendly, dependable service  
• Licensed & Insured • Remodeling • Small Structures • Painting • Garages • Drywall and more  
PO Box 1111, Grayling, MI 49738

**AUSABLE ALUMINUM PRODUCTS CO.**  
711 W. Kneeland Rd., Mio, MI 49647  
1 1/2 miles west of M-33 on Kneeland Rd.  
Home Improvement • Licensed & Insured  
Specializing in Vinyl Siding  
Kitchens, Replacement Windows & Doors  
In The Area For 26 Years  
Office: 517-826-6252 • Home: 517-826-5416

**CuSable CONSTRUCTION**  
BUILDING IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN SINCE 1976  
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL  
(517) 348-5477 2342 Industrial St. Grayling Industrial Park Grayling, MI  
FAX (517) 348-3232

**Great Lakes ENERGY Gas Services**  
Does your propane company have one price for new customers & another price for you?  
1-888-485-2537 ext.1266 Fax 517-731-3005  
Rick Anderson Marketing Representative  
A Touchstone Energy Partner  
PO Box 70 1323 Boyne Ave., Boyne City, MI 49712

**MEL WELLS INC. WELL DRILLING & EXCAVATING**  
Complete Water Systems • Septic Systems  
Lot Clearing • Driveways  
Package Rate Discounts  
"One call, does it all!"  
Licensed 517-826-5108 Insured  
2291 W. Miller Rd., Lewiston, MI 49756

**CAL SCHREIBER LICENSED BUILDERS**  
Homes • Remodeling Garages • Additions Roofing • Siding  
Rt. 5, Box 5055, Grayling 49738  
Dave Schreiber (517) 348-5858

**Fred Mills Builder with Tim Calkins**  
Log Cabins • Homes • Remodeling  
Roofs • Custom Artwork  
Honest & Reliable • Licensed  
Fred - 517-821-5707  
Tim - 517-348-3103

**DUGAN'S ROOFING & HOME IMP.**  
Ralph Dugan - Owner  
Houghton Lake, MI 48629  
Free Estimates  
Licensed & Insured  
(517) 422-4109 or 1-800-922-4109

**COUNTER TOP SHOP**  
Laminate Tops  
Kitchen, Baths, Etc.  
Free Estimates  
517-348-9738

**Grayling Hospital for Animals, P.C.**  
DR. WAYNE L. CASLER  
DR. PAUL W. MESACK  
DR. TROY FAIRBANKS  
5806 West M-72  
Grayling, Michigan 49738  
AT ALL TIMES PH. 348-8622  
HOURS: BY APPOINTMENT

**Substance Abuse Services**  
• OUI/OWI Assessments  
• Drivers License Appeal  
• Division Evaluations  
• Adolescent & Adult  
• Outpatient Counseling  
• State Licensed Program  
• Prompt, Polite & Professional Service  
**Robert Smock**  
MA LPC CAC CHSAS  
651 N. Otsego Ave.,  
Grayling, MI  
517-732-1543

**DOORWAYS OF THE NORTH**  
Serving All Of Northern Michigan Since 1980 With Warehouse & Showroom at 2306 S. Industrial Grayling  
517-348-5426  
Sales, Service & Installation  
Windows, Doors & Garage Doors

**Spencer Construction**  
Specializing in Roofing New Roofs • Tear Offs • Re-roof  
Straight To The Top!  
Licensed & Insured  
All Work Guaranteed  
Eric (517) 275-8062  
475 W. Maplehurst Dr. • Roscommon, MI 48653

**Richard L. Martin Construction**  
Division of Classic Log Homes, Inc.  
Frame & Log Homes • Remodeling Kitchen & Bath  
Additions • Garages • Design Service & Plans Available  
Window replacement (Certified Pella Contractor)  
Vinyl & Aluminum Siding (Custom Bending)  
More than 20 years experience • Licensed & Insured  
PO Box 125 • Higgins Lake, Michigan  
(517) 821-6118

**HANK SAYLOR FLOOR COVERING**  
Sales & Service & Repairs  
Residential & Commercial Installation  
Licensed & Insured  
Carpet • Vinyl • Hardwood • Tile • Pergo • Ceramic  
Hank Saylor (517) 348-5372  
Grayling, MI

**Roscommon Walk-In Medical Clinic**  
• Physicals • Treatment of minor injuries & illnesses  
Frederick L. Lawrence, M.D.  
Monday through Friday 11 am to 4 pm  
No appointment necessary, but accepted  
(517) 275-8565  
108 Main St. • Roscommon (Behind Gavins)

**SUPPORT GROUPS FOR Victims Of Domestic Violence**  
Emotional • Verbal Sexual • Physical  
Weekly groups available in Crawford & Ogemaw counties  
For more information, Call River House Shelter • 348-3169  
COLLECT CALLS ACCEPTED

**Corky Hellebuyck Owner**  
**Hellebuyck Masonry**  
Insured • Free Estimates  
Foundations • Driveways • Basements • Brick Work • Lot Clearing  
• Site Preparation & Septic Systems  
517-348-5553  
Grayling, Mich.

**DAY CONSTRUCTION Residential Builder**  
Garages • Additions  
Decks • Roofs  
Trailer Roof-Over System  
No Job Too Small  
Licensed & Insured  
209 N. 6th St. Roscommon, MI 48653  
(517) 275-4856

**DENTURE SERVICES**  
R.L. Darnell D.D.S.  
Dentures • Partial Dentures • Repairs  
420 Center, Gaylord, MI  
517-732-0813

## BOWLING LEAGUE

**American Men's**  
CSI Ind Sys ..... 61 - 44  
Stake-Out Steak House ..... 60 - 45  
Moore's Automotive ..... 54.5 - 50.5  
McLean's ACE ..... 54 - 51  
Forrest Bros. .... 52 - 53  
Upper Lakes Tire ..... 47 - 58  
Helsel Forest Products ..... 46.5 - 58.5  
Hentons Auto ..... 45 - 60  
High Game: D. Canfield, 244; D. Henning, 230; M. Smith 225.  
High Series: D. Henning, 642; M. Smith, 625; D. Canfield, 615.

**National First**  
Hellebuyck Masonry ..... 67 - 38  
Century 21 ..... 64 - 41  
Faustman's Insurance ..... 59 - 40  
Northern Whitetail ..... 55 - 56  
Forest Brothers ..... 48 - 57  
Grayling Ford ..... 47 - 58  
Swamp II ..... 44 - 61  
Guns & Grubs ..... 36 - 69  
High Game: P. Faustman, 241; A.

Angove, 236; D. Henning, 228.  
High Series: M. Smith, 665; P. Faustman, 632; T. Kotrash, 630.

### Pioneer

Chemical Bank ..... 43 - 17  
Millikins ..... 38 - 22  
Lady Slippers ..... 33 - 27  
Custom Interior ..... 30.5 - 29.5  
Ginger's ..... 27.5 - 32.5  
Aunt Betty's ..... 27 - 33  
Avalanche ..... 25.5 - 34.5  
Lucky Strikers ..... 15.5 - 44.5  
High Game: D. Calkins, 193; K. Moshier, 188; T. Hellebuyck, 186.  
High Series: L. Golnick, 528; K. Moshier, 524; I. Hatfield, 479.

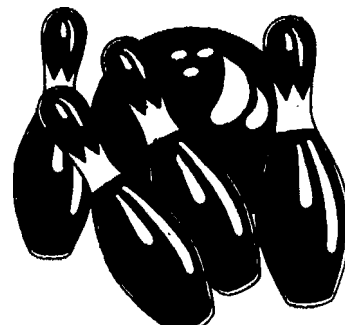
### Recreation

Gray Rock Café ..... 36 - 20  
Glen's Market ..... 32.5 - 23.5  
Tri★County Meats ..... 30 - 26  
Scheer Motors ..... 29 - 27  
Mark 8 ..... 27 - 29  
Mickey Perez CPA ..... 25 - 31

Cornell ..... 22.5 - 33.5  
Peterson Saw Service ..... 22 - 34  
High Game: P. Terry, 226; S. Summer, 216; T. Rock, 182.  
High Series: S. Summer, 545; P. Terry, 541; L. Krey, 482.

### Senior Citizen League

Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us ..... 44 - 16  
Sylvester's Sports ..... 36 - 24  
Baynham Wood Prod. .... 35 - 25  
Friends & Co. .... 31.5 - 28.5  
Tri★County Meats ..... 30 - 30  
Buccilli's Pizza ..... 24 - 36  
Flowers By Josie ..... 22.5 - 37.5  
Cornell Realty ..... 17 - 43  
Men's High Game: D. Canfield, 205; K. Harris, 201; A. Smith, 201.  
Men's High Series: D. Canfield, 576; K. Harris, 542; A. Smith, 537.  
Women's High Game: V. Westover, 180; R. Huffman, 169; J. Kellogg, 168.  
Women's High Series: V. Westover,



470; J. Kellogg, 442; M. Rysso, 438.

### Triangle

McDonald's ..... 6.5 - 1.5  
Tri★County Meats ..... 5 - 3  
Johnson ..... 5 - 3  
Gray Rock Café ..... 4 - 4  
Moshier Auto ..... 2.5 - 5.5  
High Game: M. Summer, 232; S. Mead, 203; J. Akers, 187.  
High Series: M. Summer, 588; T. Everly, 497; S. Mead, 493.

## YOUTH BOWLING

**Army**  
Strike Force ..... 22 - 14  
Reserves ..... 20 - 16  
G.I.'s ..... 20 - 16  
Snipers ..... 19 - 17  
Equalizers ..... 17 - 19  
Gunners ..... 16.5 - 19.5  
Peace Keepers ..... 15.5 - 20.5  
Green Berets ..... 14 - 22  
High Scratch Game: Male - M. Arwood, 246; Female - A. Sturdivant, 180.  
High Scratch Series: Male - M. Arwood, 500; Female - K. Davis, 416.  
Most Pins over Average: Male - M. Arwood, 102; Female - A. Sturdivant, 76.  
Most Pins over Series: Male - M. Arwood, 68; Female - A. Sturdivant,

84.

### Navy


Submariners ..... 26 - 4  
Merchant Marines ..... 21.5 - 8.5  
Captains ..... 18 - 12  
Seabees ..... 13 - 17  
Seals ..... 11.5 - 18.5  
Destroyers ..... 10 - 20  
Anchors ..... 10 - 20  
Sailors ..... 10 - 20  
High Scratch Game: Male - M. Cousins, 159; Female - T. Davis, 128.  
High Scratch Series: Male - M. Cousins, 257; Female - T. Davis, 209.  
Most Pins over Average: Male - M. Cousins, 73; Female - A. Lester, 60.  
Most Pins over Series: Male - M. Cousins, 85; S. Respecki, 80.

## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Standings

Sawmill II ..... 105  
Spikes ..... 78  
Frederic Inn ..... 83  
Swamp ..... 76  
Plaza ..... 75


Sawmill I ..... 62  
Legion ..... 60  
5 Ball Run: Corey A. of Sawmill; Cookie D. of Legion; Cindy P. of Sawmill II; two for Dee K. of Swamp.



### Wendy's

## GRAYLING YOUTH BOWLING

### "Star of the Month"



**MIKE ARWOOD**

On Saturday, December 11, Mike Arwood became the 1st youth to obtain a Century Award, which is 100 pins over average in a single game, with a 246. (He averages 144.) Mike has shot several other 200 games this year, but this was his highest. Mike, a senior at GHS, plans to attend college in Nashville for Auto & Diesel College. Congratulations, Mike!

## Grayling Family Dentistry

C. Thomas Riegle, D.D.S.

205 Meadows Drive, Grayling  
**348-4300**

Complete Family Dentistry

Payment plan available for those who qualify

**NEW PATIENTS WELCOME**

**EMERGENCY CARE**

"We practice dentistry with a heart"



### Gaylord Cinema West

**Toy Story 2 - G (103)**  
Voices - Tim Allen & Tom Hanks  
• Dec. 31st at 2, 4 & 7 • Jan. 1st-2nd at 2, 4, 7 & 9 • Jan. 3rd-6th at 7 & 9

**The Green Mile - R (182)**  
Starring - Tom Hanks  
• Dec. 31st - Jan 2nd at 2:15 & 7:15  
• Jan. 3rd-6th at 7:15

**Stuart Little - PG (84)**  
Starring - Geena Davis & Michael J. Fox  
• Dec. 31st at 2:15, 4 & 7:15  
• Jan. 1st-2nd at 2:15, 4, 7:15 & 9  
• Jan. 3rd-6th at 7:15 & 9

**Bicentennial Man - PG (131)**  
Starring - Robin Williams & Sam Neil  
• Dec. 31st at 2, 4:20 & 7  
• Jan. 1st-2nd at 2, 4:20, 7 & 9:20  
• Jan. 3rd-6th at 7 & 9:20

**Any Given Sunday - R (169)**  
Starring - Al Pacino & Dennis Quaid  
• Dec. 31st - Jan 2nd at 2:15 & 7:15  
• Jan. 3rd-6th at 7:15

**The Talented Mr. Ripley - R (139)**  
Starring - Matt Damon & Gwyneth Paltrow  
• Dec. 31st at 2:15, 4 & 7:15  
• Jan. 1st-2nd at 2, 4:20, 7 & 9:30  
• Jan. 3rd-6th at 7 & 9:30

**Evenings - Adults \$5.50 • Children \$4 • Seniors \$4.50**  
**Tuesday Senior Matinee \$2 • Matinees • All Seats \$4**

# DIRECTORY

Put your business before over 8,000 readers and the Internet for \$92 for 6 months (\$3.54 per week)  
Home Page Address: [www.townnews.com/avalanche/](http://www.townnews.com/avalanche/)

## BUILDING & REMODELING SERVICES

FAIRS  
FESTIVALS  
CONCERTS

CONVENTIONS  
NIGHT CLUBS  
WEDDINGS

**Brian Ashton**  
Music for All Occasions

CALL FOR INFORMATION (517) 348-6565

**RENT THIS SPACE**  
Reach thousands of readers, and be on the Internet, for pennies a day...the Business Directory only costs \$92 for 6 months (\$3.54 per week)

Sales Service Installation

**RAY-TEL COMMUNICATIONS**  
BUSINESS PHONE SYSTEMS  
VOICE MAIL • CABLING

Janna Trowbridge 517-348-5674  
Dale Metzger Toll Free  
P.O. Box 853 877-348-5674  
Grayling, MI 49738

**PORTABLE SERVICE**  
• Industrial  
• Commercial • Residential  
• Welding Repair & Fabrication

**4-MILE WELDING**  
Western Snowplows  
Sales & Service  
1/4 mile west of I-75 on 4-Mile Road, Grayling • 348-2613

**GREAT LAKES SOFT WATER**  
**FREE In-Home Water Test**

Rentals • Sales  
As low as • Salt Delivery  
\$8.50 month • Service

35 Years Experience  
517-366-4043  
1-888-744-7638  
1821 W. M-55, Houghton Lake

**Heirloom Antique Mall**  
BUYING QUALITY ANTIQUES  
OLD GLASSWARE • POTTERY • JEWELRY  
LINENS • FISHING LURES • MARBLES  
SALT & PEPPERS  
Estate Sale Service Available  
Antique Dealers Wanted  
100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
(517) 348-2482 or (517) 344-1162

**THAD POOLEY'S PAINTING**  
Licensed • Insured  
Residential • Commercial  
Interior • Exterior  
Staining • Varnishing  
Free Estimates  
Reasonable Rates  
**517-348-4578**

**DRIVEWAYS**  
Plowing • Grading • Backhoe  
Free Estimates • Fully Insured

**OSGA**  
MASONRY & CONSTRUCTION  
JAY OSGA  
Licensed & Insured  
For All Your Building Needs  
(517) 348-1075 • Frederic, MI

**AVITA**  
Michigan's Premium Artesian Water  
Available at Shoppington's, Friends & Co. & Glen's Market

Boilers Water Heaters Furnaces Air Conditioning

**NICHOLS**  
Heating and Cooling Service  
**517-348-4296**

Owner Russel Nichols 357 Dixon Dr. Grayling, MI 49738

**Mike Lesko**  
Propane Sales & Service  
Office: 517-348-7647  
800-292-9295  
113 Fig Street Grayling, MI 49738  
Petroleum Marketers

**RENT THIS SPACE**  
Reach thousands of readers, and be on the Internet, for pennies a day...the Business Directory only costs \$92 for 6 months (\$3.54 per week)

**Dixon Construction Co.**  
1155 Goosecreek Rd., Grayling  
Experienced Professional Custom Builder To Service You  
Specializing In: New Home Construction, Pole Building, Garages, Custom Built Decks, Additions  
• Licensed • Bonded • Insured  
Robert C. Dixon • Owner / Lic. Builder  
PH. 517-348-6405

• SALES • SERVICE • PARTS

**LEWISTON MOTOR SPORTS**  
ARCTIC RACING  
(517) 786-8800  
4770 SALLING LEWISTON, MI ED ANDREWS MARK KINSEY

**grayling-area.com**  
Your Local Provider of Internet Access with i2k  
Internet access, website design and hosting.  
[www.grayling-area.com](http://www.grayling-area.com)  
kdw@i2k.net • jschultz@i2k.net  
517-348-1702 • 517-348-8022  
2342 Industrial St. P.O. Box 429, Grayling, MI 49738

Low Cost Monthly Access  
240 Hours @ \$17.50  
480 Hours @ \$35.00  
960 Hours @ \$67.50

**A.T.W.**  
Tree & Limb Removal  
Stump Grinding • Brush Chipping • Log Hauling • Lot Clearance • Landscaping  
Tree Replanting • 55' Ariel Bucket • Snow Removal • Emergency Storm Work  
Fully Insured 826-5282  
Free Estimates 826-6512

Auto • Residential • Commercial  
Glass Installation

**Grayling Glass**  
Mobile Service  
517-348-6641 Office 1178 I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI  
517-732-5243 after 5 pm Scott Taskey  
1-800-446-6850 Manager

**Mickey Perez P.C.**  
Certified Public Accountant  
115 Michigan Ave.  
(517) 348-2811  
OFFICE HOURS  
Mon. thru Fri. • 8 to 5

**COMPUTER SERVICES COMPANY**  
PC's • PRINTERS • FAX MACHINES  
New Equipment -- Any Make of Model  
Hardware & Software Upgrading • Networking  
Training • Cleaning & Servicing • Supplies  
LOWEST PRICES AVAILABLE • PROMPT LOCAL SERVICE  
FREE CONSULTATION & ESTIMATE 517-348-2244

**ASA & T LLC**  
PAINTING INT/EXT • DECKS • FENCES  
LANDSCAPING • SHEDS • LAWN CARE  
POWER WASHING • BASEMENT & GARAGE CLEANING  
Lawn Care  
**344-2728**  
"THE SMALL JOB PEOPLE"

**Accent PAINTING & INTERIORS**  
COMMERCIAL -- RESIDENTIAL  
Licensed & Insured  
• Painting • Staining  
• Deck Refinishing • Power Washing  
• Custom Wallcovering  
• Parking Lot Stripping  
Smoke & Water Damage  
All Work Guaranteed  
15 Years Experience  
**1-800-730-3025**

**John D. Cherven**  
Certified Public Accountant  
Grayling Mini-Mall  
P.O. Box 825  
**348-2554**  
Tax Preparation and Consultation  
General Accounting Services

**AJD FOREST PRODUCTS**  
LARGE STOCK INDUSTRIAL LUMBER  
PRODUCED FOR THE LUMBER STATION  
We Buy Standing Timber  
With Supervised Cutting  
By Our Professional Foresters  
A Forest Friendly Company  
For More Info Call Bob  
(517) 348-5412

**ALUMINUM STAINLESS STEEL**  
STEEL IN STOCK  
CUT TO SIZE  
UPS DELIVERY  
Rounds, Squares, Flats  
Structural Shapes, Tubing Plate

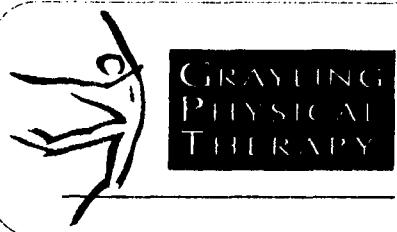
**Milltown Motors USED CARS & TRUCKS**  
All kinds of automotive repair  
Pickup truck accessories, covers and caps  
EAZ-LIFT Hitches & Towing Products  
Old 27 North • Grayling  
(517) 348-7352

**Old AnSable Boat Co.**  
Outstanding Riverboats  
Acumi, Mahogany, Oak, Ash,  
Black Walnut, Cedar Strip & Cherry  
Contact Bob Smock  
**517-348-2187 • 517-348-2643**  
"Boats That Would Make Rube Babbitt Proud"

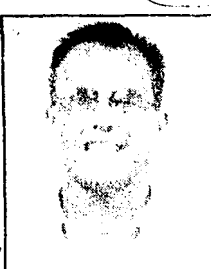
**Michael A. DiPonio**  
Certified Public Accountant  
Lake Margrethe • PO Box 607  
Grayling, Michigan 49738  
(517) 348-1704  
Accounting, tax and consulting services

**RIFKIN STEEL COMPANY**  
1443 N. Niagara, Saginaw, MI 48602-4782  
**1-800-906-6699**

**Creative Photography**  
Wedding Specialist  
Corinne Pillaro  
(517) 348-6534




**GRAYLING  
PHYSICAL  
THERAPY**



**Pat Cosgrove**  
Physical Therapist (PT),  
Master of Orthopedic Manual  
Therapy (MOMT), Orthopedic  
Certified Specialist (OCS)

"We Specialize In  
Providing Top  
Quality Physical  
Therapy Services  
To Patients With  
Orthopedic, Sports  
& Work-Related  
Injuries."



**Jackie Bindschattel**  
Office Manager

**Strengthening exercise and postural improvement exercise help improve most osteoporosis pain conditions.**

**Orthopedic, Sports & Work Rehabilitation**  
200 Huron St., Suite 200, Grayling  
**348-3027**

**HOLD IT!  
PREMIUMS TOO HIGH?**

Don't give up. With more companies to choose from, the professionals at Grayling Insurance Agency can do your insurance shopping for you! Call us today!

**GRAYLING  
INSURANCE AGENCY**

2375 S. I-75 Business Loop Grayling  
**(517) 348-2851**  
Located next to Century 21 • Across from Glen's

**Support Your Community**



And



**Skate On Into Wendy's  
For These Great Savings  
While Helping To Build  
Hanson Hills Skate Park**

**\$1.00 Off Any  
Pita Combo**

Tax extra. Not valid w/any other offer with this coupon only. Limit 2 offers per coupon. Expires January 15, 2000

**75¢ Off Wendy's  
Classic 1/2 lb. Double  
Cheeseburger**

Bacon & Tax extra. Not valid w/any other offer with this coupon only. Limit 2 offers per coupon. Expires January 15, 2000

**For Every Coupon Redeemed Wendy's of  
Grayling Will Donate 25¢ Towards the  
Construction of Hanson Hills Skate Park**

**Wendy's**  
2141 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling

## OBITUARIES

### Jennie L. Petersen

Jennie L. Petersen, 84, of Grayling, died Tuesday, December 28, 1999, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Mrs. Petersen was born July 8, 1915, in Mio. She married John Petersen July 16, 1933. Mrs. Petersen was a homemaker who lived most of her life in Grayling. She enjoyed quilting and cooking. She was a member of the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John in January, 1980 and by one son, Tom Petersen.

Survivors include one daughter, Arlene (Robert) Porter of Detroit; one son, Jim (Peggy) Petersen of Hartford; a daughter-in-law, Alice (Keith) Moore of Frederic; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Hattie Johnson of Gaylord, Edna Galbreath of Gaylord, Bessie Pratt of Frederic; one brother, Don Small of Gaylord.

The funeral service will be held Friday, December 31, at 11 a.m. at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church with Reverend Bill Fraser officiating. Visitation will be Thursday from 4 - 8 p.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home and Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in the spring.

### HONORS

#### Adrian College

John E. Neff of Fairview was elected President of the Alpha Mu Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity on November 21.

Dennis R. Gugin of Frederic was elected Vice President of the Alpha Mu Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. He is the son of Gary and Margaret Gugin.

The fraternity, which has been at Adrian since 1881, has 18 members. Its mission is to bind men together in a brotherhood based upon eternal and immutable principles.

### Ina Marie Cook

Ina Marie Cook, 88, of Delray Beach, Florida, formerly of Grayling, died Tuesday, December 21, 1999, at Delray Beach Community Hospital.

Mrs. Cook was born January 11, 1911, in Calumet, the daughter of Jacob and Willimen (Roudio) Tapio. She married Dr. J. F. Cook. Mrs. Cook was a school teacher and homemaker. She enjoyed traveling and visited Alaska in 1988. She was a member of the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, on February 26, 1971.

Survivors include one son, John F. Cook, Jr.; two grandchildren, John F. Cook III of Delray Beach, Florida, Christopher (Jennifer) Cook of Montana; two great-grandchildren, Ian Cook and Alexis Cook.

The funeral service will be held Tuesday, January 4, at 11 a.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home with Reverend Bill Fraser officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, January 4, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery Mausoleum.

### Card of Thanks

The family of Elsie Larson would like to thank the Lord Jesus for her godly life. Also to her family and friends for the many acts of kindness expressed by your prayers, flowers, cards, memorial gifts, food and by your support. You will never know how much it was appreciated.

We especially want to thank Amicare Hospice and all of their excellent care givers (you were wonderful with Mom), Dr. Doug Slater and staff for your care and concern during her illness and Cassie Campbell for her love and companionship.

To Dave and Patty Lashley (Orr Funeral Home in Mio) for all of the arrangements, but most of all for your friendship. To the United Methodist Church and O.E.S. for the snacks and fellowship luncheon, Pastors Jeff Jagers, Joe Carpenter and William Fraser for their pastoral care and the special music provided by Carol Money, Ann Marie Henderson (Church), Jill Flintoft and Angela Larson.

Christ in us, the hope of glory  
The Larson Family

### Emma J. Bennett

Emma J. Bennett, 97, of Grayling, died Tuesday, December 28, 1999, at the Michigan Masonic Home.

Mrs. Bennett was born June 15, 1902, in Baraga, the daughter of the late Stanislaw and Marie (Vehser) Krolik. She moved to the Grayling area in 1923. She married Frank E. Bennett September 19, 1925 in Gaylord. She and her husband used to own a farm, restaurant and motel in the area. She was a member of the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Mrs. Bennett has been in the Masonic Home since December 1997. She enjoyed gardening, playing cards, especially pinochle, and wintering in Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank on May 2, 1969.

Survivors include one daughter, Phyllis (Jack) Bray of East Lansing; one son, Ted Bennett of Mackinaw City; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held Thursday, December 30, at 1 p.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home with Reverend Bill Fraser officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in the spring.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Grayling City Police Department from December 19 through December 25:

Five false alarms; one animal control; six misdemeanor arrests; one assault; two assists to other departments; 16 city ordinance violations; two domestic complaints; two juvenile complaints;

Five larcenies; three motorist assists; three private property accidents; four traffic accidents; two civil citations; two misdemeanor citations; ten miscellaneous complaints. Four traffic warnings were also given.

A total of 68 complaints were handled by the Grayling City Police Department during the one-week period.

## MILITARY NEWS

**Mark Roemer** of the 1071st Maintenance Company was promoted on October 9, 1999, to the rank of Sergeant, E-5. The promotion was performed by Captain Mike Morang, Company Commander of the 1071st Maint. Co.

Sgt. Roemer is a graduate of Roscommon High School and Kirtland Community College, and resides in Roscommon.

Roemer is employed by Spectrum Products as a CAD operator and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roemer of Roscommon. Roemer is a welder in the 1071st Maint. Co.

\* \* \*

**Anthony Dole** of the 1071st Maintenance Company was promoted on October 9, 1999, to the rank of Sergeant, E-5. The promotion was performed by Captain Mike Morang, Company Commander of the 1071st Maint. Co.

Sgt. Dole is a graduate of Boyne City High School and is employed as a Federal Technician at Camp Grayling as a telecommunications repair specialist. Sgt. Dole and his wife, Kellie have two sons, Ghayge and Koedy.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from December 19 through December 26:

One delinquent minors; three false alarms; 16 general non-criminal; 16 traffic accidents (eight car-deer); one non-traffic accident; one parking violation;

One accident other; four property inspections; three civil matter/family trouble; two suspicious situations; one lost-found property; one assault/intimidation; one burglary/home invasion;

Four larceny; one damage to property; seven public peace/disorderly; three health and safety (all animal control); one miscellaneous criminal offense.

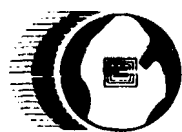
A total of 67 complaints were handled by the sheriff's department during the one-week period.

### CHRISTMAS CLUB SAVINGS ACCOUNTS



**There's no time like the present to start saving for next year's Christmas presents.**

Every year, customers tell us the best way to pay for holiday shopping is with a Christmas Club savings account at Chemical Bank. A Chemical Bank Christmas Club account makes saving for holiday expenses easy and your funds earn interest daily! Visit your nearby Chemical Bank and open your Christmas Club savings account today. And make your holiday season a bit merrier!



**CHEMICAL BANK** SM  
*The Bank for Everybody.*  
MEMBER FDIC • EQUAL HOUSING • EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LENDER



# PERSPECTIVE

## Nursing home residents share holiday spirit with students



On December 20, Grayling Nursing Centre resident Richard Fairchild (left) presented Grayling Elementary School students with gifts of gloves, mittens, chocolates and candy canes. Greetings were exchanged while students entertained with Christmas Carols (right). The residents and staff of the Grayling Nursing Centre, located on Meadows Drive in Grayling, wished to share their holiday spirit with the young people of Grayling.

Photos courtesy of the Grayling Nursing Centre



## Want to live longer? Get a life!

Exercise, playing cards, spending time at the bingo parlor, grocery shopping, volunteering all appear to boost longevity, according to Harvard researchers.

### Cabin fever attack? Cure it quick

Long spells of cold winter weather can produce a form of stress called cabin fever. Being aware that it exists and motivating yourself to do something about it can decrease or alleviate those winter blues.

The term originated during pioneer days when people were isolated in their homes during the winter, often miles away from neighbors. Today, for most of us, cabin fever may arise from being confined to a small space because of weather conditions and lack of planned future activities to look forward to with excitement and anticipation. Concern about world events may also contribute to the symptoms of lethargy, irritation or depression.

One of the best ways to combat these feelings is to meet new people.

study to compare the benefits of a rich social life and community involvement to the pluses of being physically active, a research team led by gerontologist Thomas Glass followed

Reaching out to others that are especially in need of support during this time, can refocus attention and serve to help others while relieving stress.

Make the effort to get out to a concert, play, movie or sporting event. Arrange more activities with your friends - try potluck or progressive dinners. Make an effort to become active and involved and cabin fever will probably disappear.

### Tax help coming

Starting in February, help filling out Homestead, Prescription Credit and Home Heating Credit tax forms will be available at the Senior Center.

Call 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500 for an appointment on Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2,761 people age 65 and older for 13 years. Glass tracked people's participation in 14 activities that fell into one of three categories: physical, such as swimming and walking; productive, such as shopping and volunteering; and social, such as joining friends for dinner and playing in a regular card game.

After ruling out circumstances that can rob years (such as being unmarried,

having a low income, or a history of smoking), Glass found, that the most active seniors were up to a third less likely to die during the course of the study than the least active. Then he compared the various groups and found that people who spent time just socializing, volunteering, or running errands improved their chances of survival as much as the most fitness-oriented seniors did.

### Beware of telemarketing scams

Once again, fraudulent telemarketers are trying to solicit money and they target the elderly, in particular.

The best way to protect yourself is to tell them that you do not pledge money over the phone, but that you would be happy to read their literature and decide if you want to donate to their cause. If they still pressure you to donate, hang up.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.

Take care of yourself in the wintry weather. Beware of slippery sidewalks and steps.

A reminder of the policy of the Senior Center - if the Crawford Au-Sable Schools are closed, then the Senior Center is closed. Check the local radio and TV stations. If, for any reason, seniors find themselves stranded without food and unable to get out, call the Sheriff (348-6341) or Grayling City Police (348-4621), and meals will be delivered.

Meals are available at

noon, Monday through Friday and at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call for reservations at (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500.

DECEMBER MENU:

Lunch/Dinner 29 - Breaded

Fish/Chopped Sirloin 30 - Closed for the Holidays

31 - Closed for the Holidays

JANUARY MENU:

Lunch/Dinner 3 - Veal/Ham Loaf

4 - Country Pork/Macaroni and Cheese with hot dogs

5 - Beef Stroganoff/Parmesan Chicken

6 - Pot Roast/Sloppy joes

7 - Baked Ham/no dinner

### Today's Seniors

DISCOUNTS & SERVICES DIRECTORY

**MICHIGAN QUALITY CARE HOMES**  
• Grayling • Mt. Pleasant • Grand Haven  
• Holland • Holland • Holland  
• Holland • Holland • Holland  
Senior apartments with a home-like atmosphere.  
Inquiries welcomed, (517) 348-8458  
4880 Old US-27 South, Frederic, Michigan

**Senior Discounts for Auto & Home**  
**JANSEN**  
AGENCY & ASSOC. INC.  
PO Box 472, 2370 S. I-75 Bus. Loop, Grayling, MI  
348-6711

**10% Off Meal or Free Beverage on Tuesdays Only!**  
**STAKE OUT STEAK HOUSE**  
1081 I-75 Business Loop, Grayling  
517-348-9811

**Holiday Dnn**  
2650 S. I-75 Bus. Loop • Grayling • 348-7611

To be included in the Senior Citizens Discounts & Services Directory Call 348-6811


**GRAYLING PHARMACY**  
"Your hometown pharmacy"  
FREE IN-TOWN DELIVERY  
208 Michigan Ave. • 348-6688

## Crawford County Commission on Aging

308 Lawndale Dr., Grayling, MI

# JANUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	4 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Ellie Mae's Country Dance	5 <u>Hearing Clinic by Appointment</u> 5:30 - Wendy's Bingo	6 Lucky 7" Casino Trip - 9:30 Adult Education 1:00	7 1:00 Pantry Bingo ***** 9 Sunday Brunch - 10 to 1 Sausage Gravy & Biscuits
10 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	11 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Trivia	12 <u>Commodities at the Eagles 9:30-10:30</u> 10:00 - Line Dancing 12:30 - Stag Cards 5:00 - Birthday Dinner <u>COA'S White Elephant Auction</u>	13 BP's Taken 11 to Noon Foot Clinic Adult Education 1:00 <u>5:30 Speaker Rick Feby</u> Physical Therapist Getting Back Your Mobility	14 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** 16 Pancake Brunch 10 to 1
17 Seniors Unlimited Casino Trip-Mt. Pleasant 10 a.m. at the Mall 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	18 12:30 Afternoon Dance with Tina Ring in the New Millennium 1:00 - Euchre Club	19 <u>Hearing Clinic by Appointment</u> 10:00 - Line Dancing 12:30 - Stag Cards 5:30 - COA Board Meeting	20 Lucky 7" Casino Trip - 9:30 Adult Education - 1:00	21 1:00 - Pantry Bingo 1:30 - Legal Help
24 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	25 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Trivia	26 Out To Lunch Gang Travel to Gaylord Senior Center Leave - 11:15 10:00 - Line Dancing 12:30 - Stag Cards	27 BP's Taken 11 - Noon Adult Education - 1:00	28 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** 30 Potluck - 2 p.m. Bring a Dish to Pass & Tableware
31 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	<div></div> <p><b>BAD WEATHER POLICY</b> Our policy of closing is based on school closings. If our schools, (Crawford AuSable), are closed, then we are closed. If we should have to close early, (or not open at all) announcements will be on both local radio stations and also on local TV channels. Meals-on-Wheels people are issued extra meals for their freezer for such snow days. If, for any reason, any seniors find themselves stranded without food and unable to get out please call the City Police at 348-4621 or the Sheriff at 348-6341 and we will get meals to you.</p>			



**Predict a happy retirement... And BIG tax savings**

1. A lifetime retirement income
2. Tax advantaged interest.
3. Competitive rates.
4. Guaranteed minimum rates.
5. Guaranteed safety of your funds.

Count on a retirement plan from Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Michigan. Call today.

**Paul Wilson**  
204 Ionia, Grayling  
344-2500

MAKING YOUR FUTURE MORE PREDICTABLE  
**FARM BUREAU INSURANCE**  
www.farmbureauinsurance-mi.com

## MILITARY NEWS

Staff Sergeant George C. Gingerick of Grayling, was awarded a U.S. Army Achievement Medal by Colonel Gary J. McConnell, Commander of Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center during a recent Command Formation. The commendation reads, "Department of the Army, this is to certify that the Secretary of the Army has awarded **The Army Achievement Medal** to Staff Sergeant George Gingerick,



Maneuver Training Center, Camp Grayling, MI for outstanding service while performing his duty at Camp Grayling's Logistic Support Center from 1 Jan - 1 May 1999. Staff Sergeant Gingerick significantly contributed to the supply warehouse operation during this timeframe and simultaneously displayed an outstanding professional demeanor. His tremendous enthusiasm, relentless initiative, and overall positive "can do" attitude contributed greatly to Logistics winning the Army's National 1999 Chief of Staff's Army Supply Excellence Award." Signed Colonel Gary J. McConnell, Commanding. Staff Sergeant Gingerick achieved this award by his outstanding leadership.

Sergeant Michael V. Hoag of Grayling, was awarded a U.S. Army Achievement Medal by Colonel Gary J. McConnell, Commander of Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center during a recent Command Formation. The commendation reads, "Department of the Army, this is to certify that the Secretary of the Army has awarded **The Army Achievement Medal** to Sergeant Michael V. Hoag, Maneuver

Training Center, Camp Grayling, MI for outstanding service while performing his duty at Camp Grayling's Logistic Support Center from 1 Jan - 1 May 1999. Sgt. Hoag



significantly contributed to the Supply Warehouse Operation during this timeframe and simultaneously displayed an outstanding professional demeanor. His tremendous enthusiasm, relentless initiative, and overall positive "can do" attitude contributed greatly to Logistics winning the Army's National 1999 Chief of Staff's Army Supply Excellence Award." Signed Colonel Gary J. McConnell, Commanding. Sergeant Hoag achieved this award by his outstanding performance. He is a symbol of today's citizen soldier.

Staff Sergeant Gary Beckwith of Grayling, was awarded a U.S. Army Achievement Medal by



Colonel Gary J. McConnell, Commander of Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center during a recent Command Formation. The commendation reads, "Department of the Army, this is to certify that the Secretary of the Army has awarded **The Army Achievement Medal** to Staff Sergeant Gary Beckwith, Maneuver Training Center, Camp Grayling, MI for outstanding service while performing his duty at Camp Grayling's Logistic Support Center from 1 Jan - 1 May 1999. Sergeant Junttila significantly contributed to the supply warehouse operation during this timeframe and simultaneously displayed an outstanding professional demeanor. His tremendous enthusiasm, relentless initiative, and overall positive "can do" attitude contributed greatly to Logistics winning the Army's National 1999 Chief of Staff's Army Supply Excellence Award." Signed Colonel Gary J. McConnell, Commanding. Sergeant Junttila achieved this award by his outstanding leadership.

ly contributed to the supply warehouse operation during this timeframe and simultaneously displayed an outstanding professional demeanor. His tremendous enthusiasm, relentless initiative, and overall positive "can do" attitude contributed greatly to Logistics winning the Army's National 1999 Chief of Staff's Army Supply Excellence Award." Signed Colonel Gary J. McConnell, Commanding. Staff Sergeant Beckwith achieved this award by his outstanding leadership.

Patrick Ragle of the 1071st Maintenance Company was promoted on October 9, 1999, to the rank of Sergeant, E-5. The promotion was performed by Captain Mike Morang, Company Commander of the 1071st Maint. Co.

Sgt. Ragle is a track vehicle repair specialist and is a graduate of Mancelona High School.



Sergeant John Junttila of Grayling, was awarded a U.S. Army Achievement Medal by Colonel Gary J. McConnell, Commander of Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center during a recent Command Formation. The commendation reads, "Department of the Army, this is to certify that the Secretary of the Army has awarded **The Army Achievement Medal** to Sergeant John Junttila, Maneuver Training Center, Camp Grayling, MI for outstanding service while performing his duty at Camp Grayling's Logistic Support Center from 1 Jan - 1 May 1999. Sergeant Junttila significantly contributed to the supply warehouse operation during this timeframe and simultaneously displayed an outstanding professional demeanor. His tremendous enthusiasm, relentless initiative, and overall positive "can do" attitude contributed greatly to Logistics winning the Army's National 1999 Chief of Staff's Army Supply Excellence Award." Signed Colonel Gary J. McConnell, Commanding. Sergeant Junttila achieved this award by his outstanding leadership.

### OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Introducing...

## CLEAR & SIMPLE DIGITAL RATE PLANS

# AS LOW AS 10¢ A MINUTE.

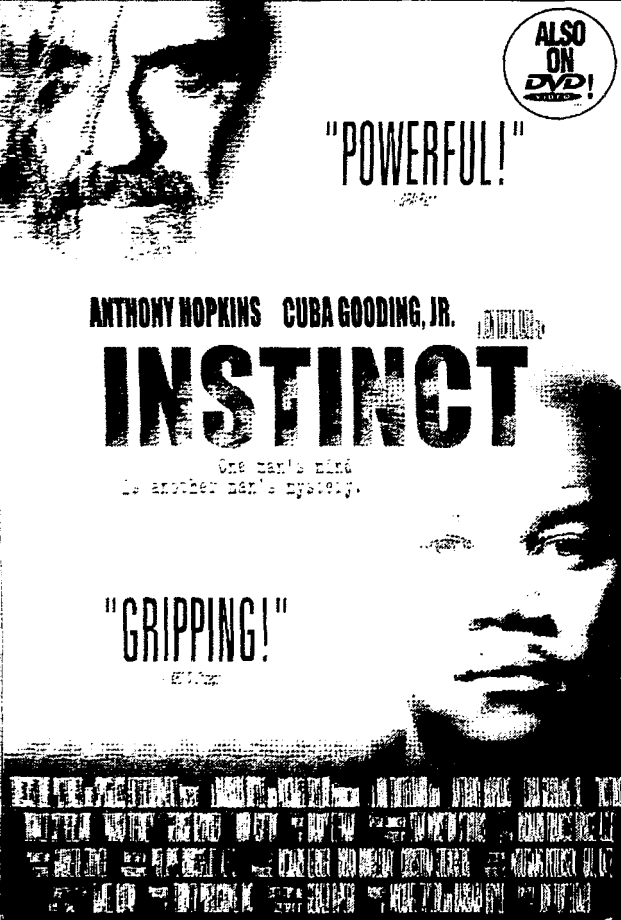
THESE PLANS NOW INCLUDE  
VoiceMail  
Detailed Billing  
Automatic Call Delivery

## CELLULARONE®

RETAIL SALES LOCATIONS • CALL TOLL FREE 800-CELL ONE

Gaylord	517-732-0032	Alpena	517-354-7441
Grayling	517-348-6255	Cheboygan	231-627-3059

AGENT LOCATIONS: Gaylord • Indian River • Kalkaska • Lewiston  
Mio • Onaway • Ossineke • Rogers City • Traverse City



"POWERFUL!"

ANTHONY HOPKINS CUBA GOODING, JR.

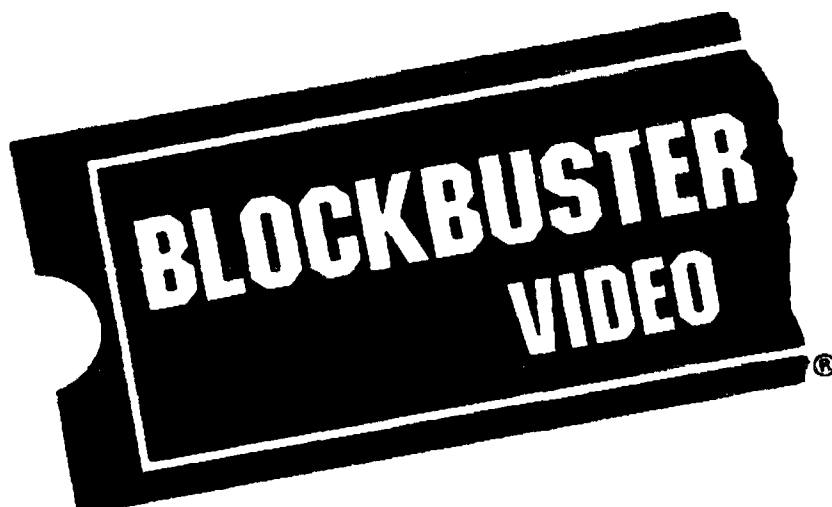
## INSTINCT

"GRIPPING!"

ALSO ON DVD

Open NEW YEARS EVE 10am to 10pm  
Open NEW YEARS DAY 10am to Midnight

Big Selection of Previewed Movies  
**ON SALE**



302 N JAMES, GRAYLING

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during, December 29 - January 4 is as follows:  
The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County

Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.).  
For further information call (517) 344-6107, or (517) 344-6152.

### WHAT KIND OF RESPONSES WOULD YOUR INSURANCE AGENT RECEIVE FROM A LETTER LIKE THIS?

"CLAIM HANDLED WITH SWIFTNESS"

"COURTEOUS, PROFESSIONAL STAFF"

"DEALING WITH YOU IS A PLEASURE"

"PROMPT WITH CLAIM"

"YOU'RE NOT MY AGENTS, YOU'RE MY FRIENDS"

"EXCELLENT SERVICE"

"COMPETITIVE PRICING"

"TREATED COURTEOUSLY AND WITH RESPECT"

"MADE US FEEL COMFORTABLE"

"AGENCY VERY HELPFUL IN KEEPING US INFORMED"

"LOCAL, RESPONSIVE AND HELPFUL"

"CALL BACKS WERE VERY PROMPT"

"QUESTIONS ARE ALWAYS ANSWERED GRACEFULLY AND POLITELY"

"INSURANCE PERSONNEL WERE COURTEOUS AND PROFESSIONAL"

"I COULD ASK FOR NO BETTER SERVICE"

"WE RECEIVED SAME DAY RESULTS WITH CLAIM"

**Cornell Agency, Inc. Insurance**

Preferred Customer  
123 Happy Lane  
Grayling, MI 49738

Dear Preferred Customer,

You have recently reported an insurance claim to our agency. You are very important to us. Your protection and security are our reason for being in business. We try to serve you to the best of our ability and we are always trying to improve. Please help us serve you by answering the following questions:

- Was the report of your claim handled promptly and courteously here in the agency?
- Were our agency people as concerned and helpful as you felt they could be?
- If there were insurance company claims representatives involved, were they prompt and courteous?
- Was there any part of your claim process that could have been handled differently or better?
- We would also appreciate you jotting any additional comments you might have on the back of this letter.

Your business is very much appreciated and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,  
Paul J. Thomson, President  
Cornell Agency, Inc.

**PUT US TO WORK FOR YOU!**

**Cornell Agency, Inc. Insurance**

PO BOX 527, M-72 AT I-75, GRAYLING, MI 49738 • 517-348-6761 • FAX 517-344-9059



# Lights of Love

1

9

9

9

*Be an angel and let your love shine...  
in honor or memory of your loved one*

Mt. Hope Lutheran Handbell Choir,  
under the direction of Jim Heinlein  
5th Grade Elementary Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Brown

## HONOREES

The Appleton Family  
Sylvia Blumberg  
Lowell Blumberg  
Lillian Blumenthal  
Kevin Searles  
Blaine Harwood  
William (Dad) Henderson  
Barbara (Mom) Henderson  
Irene Pettyjohn  
Ed Rutkowski  
Jocalene Terry  
Margaret Busch  
William Halliday  
Eleanor M. Reamer  
Edward Martella, III  
Russell Owen  
Matilda Hunter  
Rex Hunter  
Ruth Steffe  
Joanne Paula Lilak  
Joseph Charles Lilak  
Sally Lindsley  
Oliver Lowery  
Mary Ann McIntosh  
Joanne Reinhardt  
Jennifer Ewing  
George Prescott Lane  
Virginia Fultz  
Claudie Hennen Balassie  
T.M. Balassie  
Madeline Hennen Balassie  
Sue Vahey  
Mrs. Lynn Fick  
Alan Scheel  
Mr. & Mrs. Rene Savoie  
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Trudgeon  
Carter G. Pavey  
Helen Posoch  
Fred Posoch  
Ronald Posoch  
Henry Liput  
Mary Sisco  
Edward Sisco  
Marshall Sisco  
Roy Roper  
Warren Booth  
Thomas Grace  
Fred Arwood  
Bernice Wendell  
Edgar E. Isaacs  
Alice (Betty) Isaacs  
Lucille Hiseley  
Scoff Howard Blackmar  
Fletcher Family  
Baczowski Family  
McMahon Family  
Roman Family  
Judy  
Bertha  
Robert Mueller  
Eldon Alexanderson  
Gordon Peschke  
Gere Wright  
George Nims  
Linda L. Wuepper  
Vern & Theresa Fourtaces  
Fred Arwood  
Lovella & Frank Crossgrove  
Bailey Rose Christian  
Davis Alan Chism  
Richard Drac  
John Leyland  
Clara McGurn  
Josephine  
John, Julia, Ronald, Jacob &  
Sophia Zyla  
Virginia Harris  
Victoria Smialek  
Janet Vanderhoof  
Stella & Stanley Homeszyn  
Katy Shanik  
Mary Stadick  
Gilbert Davis  
Tony Sankowski  
Jeremy Workman  
Charles Prater  
Margaret Jensen  
Bill Jensen  
Bob Jensen  
Ralph Helsel  
Helen Miller  
Louis Jasper  
Gilbert Klinger  
Dorothy Klinger  
Jamie Brunskill

Arnold Hubbell  
Sally (Evans) Felton  
William J. Evans  
Betty R. McClellan  
Yvette Vermeulen  
Diahann Bronson  
Richard Anthony  
Stephanie Anthony  
Helen I. Porter  
Connie & John Duffy  
Josephine Flood  
Frances Schneider  
James R. Wakeley  
Martin Buckner  
Leone French  
Elizabeth Ann Matuzak  
Brooke Anne Waligora  
Martin B. Buckner  
Peggy Ingleson  
Spicuzza Family  
Bill Mohr  
Andrew Lambert  
Robert Drew Sims  
Cheryl J. Susewitz  
Homer Bidwell  
Gene Schum  
William C. Burrick  
Lucille F. Fuchs  
Esthel M. Stewart  
Robert M. Holihan  
Donald W. Hale  
Angela Kirkum  
Nicholas Hopkins  
Parker Hopkins  
Rodger Eschedor  
Maynard (PeeWee) Perry  
A Cure for Type I Juvenile  
Diabetes  
Glen & Gladys Thayer  
Signa & Howard Bersted  
Anna Ross  
Phyllis Caudy  
F. Eugene Nally  
Darryl R. Jones  
Angie Kirkum  
The Visnaw Family  
The Luks Family  
Doc Stump  
Jim Mault  
Raymond Fenby  
Betty Lederman  
Downy Stephenson  
Don Cochran  
Laura Murphy  
Florence Oswald  
Sister Rosemary  
Alice Hardaway  
Tom Ruff  
Scott McEvers  
Harry McEvers  
Jossie McEvers  
Virginia Luks  
George Polmantier Sr.  
Sue Kirk Patrick  
Sue Mead  
Verne C. Oliver  
Edmund Rutowski  
Tressa Butler  
Josephine Hoaglund  
Frank Barber  
Ralph & Glennie Money  
Mildred Noiro  
Peggy Sundquist  
Fred Arwood  
Susan Moore  
Wayne Moore  
Stan Curtiss  
Marie Mallinger  
John Mallinger  
Dorothy Mallinger  
Frank DeWitt  
Stanley Hensler  
Ed Martella III  
Eileen Parsons  
David Lemmen  
Harry LaDronka  
Katie Lutz  
Cindi & Katie Graham  
Loren & Caroline Goodale  
Burnis Meech  
Daniel Hively  
Leo & Chris Zrebski  
Lucille Cook  
James & Pansy Jablinsky  
Christie Anne Bird  
Chris D. Andrews  
John & Lilly Mondro

Chris & Caroline Andrews  
Ruth Steffe  
Jim, Joyce & Garfield Bourrie  
Bill Sherlock  
Sadie Brady  
Henry Brasza  
Chester Stellhorn, M.D.  
Howard & Bunny Gregg  
Robert Fairgrieve  
Sonny Phipps  
Iva L. Penty  
Harold G. Jarmin  
Pauline B. Jarmin  
Gary Jarmin  
Joan Jarmin  
Anthony Campagna  
Nell Campagna  
Rudy Campagna  
Alfred A. Artz  
Kenneth Lock  
David Gregory Joiner Jr.  
Cecil J. Canfield  
Oliver & Laura LaBell  
William R. Field  
Jimmy Tundo  
Bill & Edna Lipa  
Tony & Josephine Tundo  
Ann Saliga  
Irma & Harry Brzykcy  
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Gugel  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Czerwinski  
Mr. William Ford  
Mr. Charles Ford  
Mr. Charles Prater  
Rev. Marcus Buuck  
Oliver Lowery  
Christopher Lowery  
Joann Lilak  
Joseph Lilak  
Marion Andrews  
Barney & Anna Holysko  
Mary & Alex Holysko  
Sophia & Louis Marvin  
Marcella & Carl Wielgos  
Lorraine & Leo Augustyniak  
Walter J. Kozlowski  
Anna Gulik  
Albert Gulik  
George Gulick  
Marilyn Gulick  
Floyd Burt  
Erva Burt  
Charles Corwin  
Carrah Corwin  
Clair & Eva Melroy  
Calvin Schreiber  
Lillian Avery  
Albert Schreiber  
Hazel Schreiber  
Eunice Schreiber  
Allen & Diane Buckenhizer  
Jim Hilbrecht  
Mary Hilbrecht  
David Hilbrecht  
Bret Clements  
Ida Hilbrecht  
Joseph & Matilda Gildner  
Wess & Ula Rauch  
Lillian J. Avery  
Doris Gildner  
Charles & Ida Post  
Elmer & Margaret Corsaut  
Gary & Janet Phippo  
Mary Pettengill  
Loved Ones  
Aurlia Thompson  
McIsaac Family  
Helen Harwood  
Fedora Rasmussen  
Robert Sorenson  
De Vere Dawson  
Jamie Sisson  
Wilda Zinzo  
Ethel Suisse  
Frank Davison  
Michael McParland  
Mary Kelly  
Alonzo Kelly  
Kitty Miller  
Elda Bertl  
Cindi & Katie Graham  
Deceased members of  
Mahoney/Venus Family  
William G. Chapman  
Christopher Bennett  
Shannon Stephan  
Kenneth Morisset  
Stephanie & Mark Stephan  
Ryan & Beverly Hindmarsh  
Russell Dugan & Nicole  
Spc. Gary Dugan  
Horace Failing  
Ann Failing  
Chris D. Buckner  
Mr. & Mrs. M.L. Buckner

Thomas A. Buckner  
Timothy Buckner  
Carroll D. Wert  
Gregg L. Wert  
Edith H. Adams  
Robert MacPhail  
Caroline MacPhail  
Jean Schumacher  
Joseph P. Renaud  
Irene Pettyjohn  
Joseph A. Renaud  
McBride's & Gallagher's  
Carl & Francelia "Tete" Hanson  
Marlene Lippard  
Norman Feldhauser  
Liland & Jessie Smock  
Helen & Willard Harwood  
Cody James Knepp  
Lawrence Leroy Fenner  
Arthur E. Duwe  
Alfred Colclough  
William "Bill" Kucharek  
Richard W. Good, Sr.  
Dr. George J. Baker  
Thom Forman  
Herbert Zienert  
Alec York  
Mar. G. W. Trish  
Marilyn Weston  
Jason Howe  
Kenneth Jackson  
Helen Holaway  
Pat Diedrich  
Eleanor & Leo Kaiser  
Gerald Walden  
Charles & Phyllis Long  
Lillian Van Grootel  
Jack & Oona Ria  
Jack Van Grootel  
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph D. Fisher  
Edward J. Cornell  
Marie Cornell  
Grace Peters  
James Taylor  
James Taylor  
Mar. VanSickle  
Mar. E. Southwell  
Harold Kinchell  
David Radzwin  
Rosa Bonnelly  
Jack Bonnelly  
Frank Bonnelly  
Christine G. Parker  
John Lake Parker  
Helen Masson  
Edward Martella III  
Dick Schlehuber  
Florence Fuchs  
Frank Witt  
Sophia Rasmussen  
Freda & Frank  
Caitlin Marley  
Alan Schael  
Eomis J. Oles  
Corlie Sorenson  
Mildred Sorenson  
Gayle Brink  
William H. Sorenson  
Nick G. Sorenson  
George E. Sorenson  
Mildred G. Sorenson  
Bernice Rodgen  
Mary & Joseph Harantzak  
John Radzwinowski  
Lara J. Sorenson  
Mar. Southwell  
Walter Unloc  
Herb Unloc  
David Lee McDonald  
Josephine Rozenek  
Archie Taylor  
Donald Drenth  
Edgar Gureff  
Cindi & Katie Graham  
Burnis Meech  
Loren & Caroline Goodale  
Sr. Rosemary Mulcahy  
Susan Moore  
Wayne Moore  
Stan Curtiss  
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Blaso  
Pat Scheel  
Jack & Aggie Trudgeon  
Cathy Noack  
Larry & Delores Malkowski  
Marge Roper  
Foster & Marie Booth  
Cheryl Arwood  
Sandy Parks  
Bob & Bonnie Isaacs  
Dave & Carol Brannan  
Dick & Pat Blackmar

Pat Baczowski  
Jean Arwood  
Douglas Fouracre  
Ken & Shirley Tipton  
Helen Leykauf  
Greg & Debbie Larson  
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Robichaud  
Valerie Jones  
Peggy Munson  
Geo. McEvers  
Doris Jankowski  
Josh, Dawn, Samantha, Violet  
Madeline C. Hiller  
Martha Austin  
BERRY Helsel  
Cathy Jasper  
Sharon & Bill Klinger  
Janet SanCartier  
Patti Box  
George H. McClellan  
Steve, Dana, Steve & Jamie  
Anderson  
Mary Jane Powers  
Marge Oliver  
Fran & Bob Hanson  
Sue & Don Warren  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Carlson  
Phil & Cathy Lewis  
Olga Zrebski  
Rita Millikin  
Aimee & Dusty Dustman  
Jack & Mary Ann Mehl  
James R. Wakeley  
Thomas Buckner  
Lois M. Southwell  
Teddie Nims  
Debbie DiGirolamo  
Evelyn W. Sims  
Eva Bidwell  
Doris E. Burrick  
Warren & Delores Fuchs  
Marie Frause  
Yvonne J. Arnold

## SILVER

Marlene Ritter  
Kay Hunter  
Dave & Jill Wyman  
Josephine Lilak  
K.L. Eldridge  
Teddie & John Nims  
Sue Stanley  
Myers Land Survey, Inc.  
Bill & Diane Heinz  
Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Bronson  
Gary & Denna Fox  
Fred & Nancy  
Barbara LaDronka  
Nancy Lemmen  
Ed & Marge Martella  
Joel & Teresa Money  
Hans & Dora Lantzech  
Joe Spicuzza  
William G. Ingleson  
David & Donna Plim  
Donald Burkley  
David & Sherry Hanson  
Tom & Cathy McBride  
Donna L. Renaud  
Rob MacPhail's Family  
Sally Wert  
Bernice M. Failing  
Betsy Bennett  
Millicent Quail  
Jim & Sue Mahoney  
Loretta Christian  
Laura & Fritz Bertl  
Joyce & Bill McParland  
Lucinda Davison  
Pauline Dawson  
Clara L. Sorenson  
John & Joan Rasmussen  
Ivy & Eleanor McIsaac  
Dr. & Mrs. Vernon Blaha  
IC & Kay Ellen King  
Leo & Helma Post  
Gene & Shirley Rauch  
Jim & Cathy Hilbrecht  
Allen & Diane Buckenhizer  
Marilyn Schreiber  
Cheryl & Dale Melroy  
Eugene & Virginia Corwin  
Clara A. Kozlowski  
Sister M. Naomi Holysko  
Edith Mary Lowery  
Ted & Janet Czerwinski  
Pat & Joe Tundo  
Joh & Barbara Ressler  
Rosemary & Terry Callagher  
Bob & July Cooper/Clois  
Canfield  
Brad & Ramona Jarmin  
Mel's Total Inc.  
Milly E. Fairgrieve

## GOLD

Larry & Maureen McNamara  
Bud & Jeanne Joyce  
Grandma Jean Riemer  
Jim & Julie DeWitt  
Tim Buckner  
Dan & Lynn Nally & Lindsay  
Porter  
Jerry M. DeWitt  
Alan & Jan Bersted  
J.H. & B.J. Kutkuhn  
Marie Brasza  
Jack & Rae Lund  
Kathy Bourrie  
Susan McCurdy  
Cheryl Millikin  
Cornell Insurance/Paul &  
Donna Thomson  
Ralph Steffe  
Howard Gregg Jr., D. O.  
Dorothy M. Stellhorn  
Dr. & Mrs. Blair Murphy  
Michael Brady  
Bonnie Carroll  
Thomas DeWitt  
Dr. & Mrs. Charles Todoroff  
Elizabeth Suminski, M.D.  
Ronald Croskey  
Paul Lerg

## DONORS

Martha Taylor  
Cal & Sue Brenner  
John Rozenek  
Don & Barbara McDonald  
Sister Jean Umlor  
Valerie Miller  
Joe & Shirley Pencak  
Bernice Hilton  
Evelyn Shuraleff  
Jerrine Hoffman  
Marilyn Stampfly  
Bob Borak  
Mirion C. Oles  
Evelyn Coffey  
Donna & Hal Manley  
Norman & Lillian Johnson  
Arlene M. Czuba  
Loren & Grace Goodale  
Rita Schlehuber  
Mary & Ward Parker  
Theresa Stedry  
Geraldine Donnelly & Bonnie  
Isaacs  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Radzwion  
Florence Kinchel  
Lois M. Southwell  
Gerry VanSickle  
Coye Taylor  
John & Michael Peters  
Juanita E. Cornell  
Larry & Clare Eastley  
Jesse & Ruth Cruz  
Anne & Bob Sisk  
Caroline & Roger Hall  
Maxine Walden  
Marita MacNall, OP  
Jean & Ray Elsey  
Carolyn Gates  
David & Dianne Jackson  
Mary Kay Zienert  
Frances M. Christ  
Russell J. Phillips  
Mrs. Maxine Good  
John & Betty Jo Smock  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Duwe  
Augusta Fenner  
Sherman & Nancy Bresette  
Kerry Harwood  
Jeanie Harwood  
Helen Feldhauser  
Roberta Eman  
Dorothy C. Ryc  
Anthony Dobry  
Margaret & Warren Fuchs  
Raymond & Agnes Trudgeon

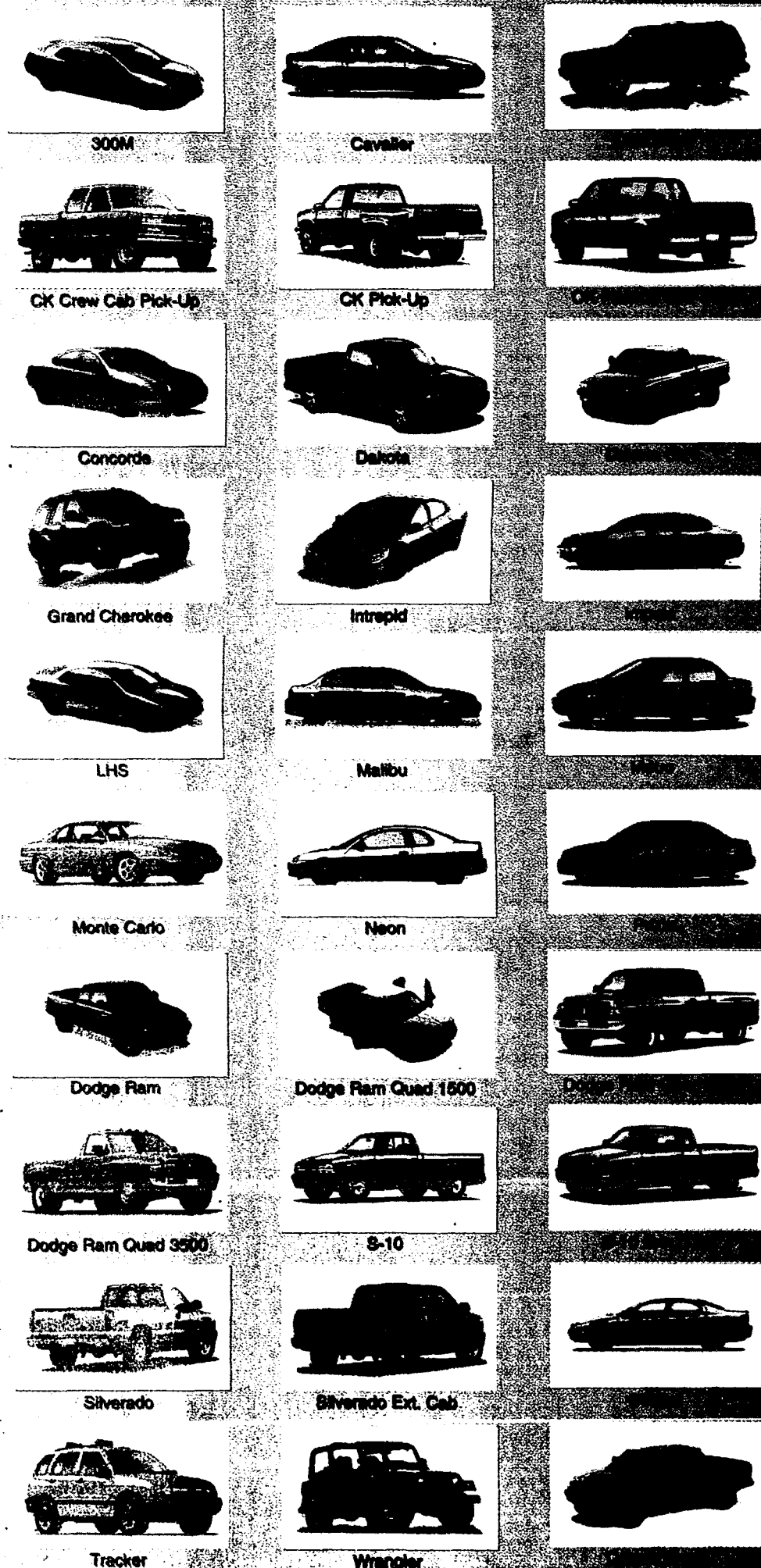


# PUBLIC NOTICE You Pay... What You Get

All new 1999/2000 in Stock  
Over 350 Vehicles to Choose From  
No Exclusions

**CARS • TRUCKS • SUVs  
SPORTS UTILITIES • MINIVANS**

**5 DAYS ONLY  
DEC. 27TH - DEC. 31ST**



**PLUS over 100 used vehicles at  
year end BLOW OUT PRICES!!**

**BOUGHTON LTD.**  
**THOMAS**  
CHEVROLET  
CHRYSLER  
PLYMOUTH  
DODGE  
JEEP

Open Daily 10 am - 6 pm - Open Monday 10 am - 5 pm  
Saturday 10 am - 5 pm - www.thomasbuycars.com

**1-800-235-2355**

## Kids learn can-do attitude through song



(Above) Mrs. Goetz's yellow group performs "The Itsy Bitsy Spider." (Top Right) Damien Darling shows how the itsy bitsy spider goes up the water spout. (Bottom Right) Amanda McClellan sings about how the sun comes out and dries up all the rain.

Photos by Cheryl Millikin

The itsy bitsy spider climbed up the water spout.  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.  
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain.  
Then, the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again.



During a recent Monday morning assembly, Karla Goetz's yellow group sang and demonstrated the popular children's rhyme "The Itsy Bitsy Spider." The school children were adorned in spider hats they made earlier in their classroom. There motions demonstrated the perseverance of the spider. The presentation was given in keeping with this school year's theme at the AuSable Primary: *PERSEVERANCE* or *I THINK I CAN!* Shown above holding theme posters are Damien Darling, Jared Robbins, David Bergman and Erica Kasper.

## A new Little Miss is in our midst

Peri Nicole Scheer of Grayling was named the winner of the Little Miss Hawaiian Tropic Pageant held in Traverse City on November 13.

Miss Scheer competed in the 13-23 month age group, modeling a swim suit and holiday wear.

Besides her new title, Miss Scheer also won the Most Photogenic and Best Personality Overall competition for all age groups, one through 16 years.

Next, Miss Scheer will compete at the Hawaiian Tropic State Pageant in April 2000. Winners of the state pageant are invited to compete in next summer's International Hawaiian Tropic Pageant.

Miss Scheer is the daughter of Brad and Charlene Scheer.



Peri Scheer

## STOREWIDE SALE WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY ONLY

**EVERYTHING ON SALE!  
10% - 50% OFF**

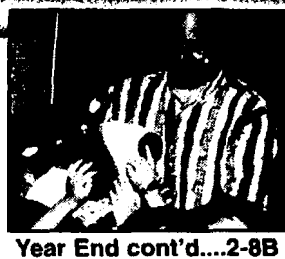
- GOLD CHAIN 30%
- STERLING SILVER CHAIN 40%
- CLEARANCE SECTION 50%
- GOLD EARRINGS 30%
- PEARLS 30%
- COLORED GEMSTONE JEWELRY 20%
- KABANA INLAID OPAL 10%
- ALL WATCHES 20%
- DIAMOND ENGAGEMENT SETS 20%
- DIAMOND FASHION 20%



**Davis**  
JEWELERS & GEMOLOGISTS

Hours: 10 am to 6 pm  
235 Michigan Ave. • Grayling  
**348-5111**





Year End cont'd....2-8B

Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, December 30, 1999

The following is a special year-end section dedicated to the progress and accomplishments of area groups and governments.

The organizations that appear in this section (among others) were invited to participate by submitting an article or list of facts concerning their 1999, a year-in-review of

sorts.

(Hopefully we didn't overlook anyone while sending out the invitations. If we did, we apologize.)

For this project, we specifically targeted local charities, governmental units and service organizations.

Group representatives that fulfilled our request deserve special thanks. They did a

good job, and clearly put a lot of time and thought into their responses.

1999 will mark the third consecutive year for this special section. This year's is the largest of the three.

We hope you enjoy it. Those who participated had a lot to say about their year.

Have a safe and prosperous 2000.

## Grayling Recreation Authority

Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) continued to grow throughout 1999 in participation, programs, and events.

The winter ski season at Hanson Hills went very well even though we didn't have a lot of natural snow. Thanks to our snow-making capability and the dedication of our staff, the ski season lasted through the middle of March.

This year was the first season we had the technology to count our downhill skiers so that we can do a better job of planning for success in the future.

We are especially excited about the increase in popularity of our cross country ski operations, due to the new groomer and snowmobile grooming equipment and the dedication of Jason Snell, who is

responsible for grooming and maintenance of the cross country ski trails.

The Hanson Hills family ski package was a great promotion for us and a great deal for many families who came and learned to ski with us.

GRA's biggest project of the year was the installation of new soccer fields and the irrigation system on our softball field out-

field. GRA worked with Grayling Township, the Grayling Youth Booster Club, the Grayling Eagles Club, and the GRA Soccer Steering Committee to provide money for the project. The new soccer fields will accommodate the K-6 grade programs, which have approximately 150 participants two seasons a year.

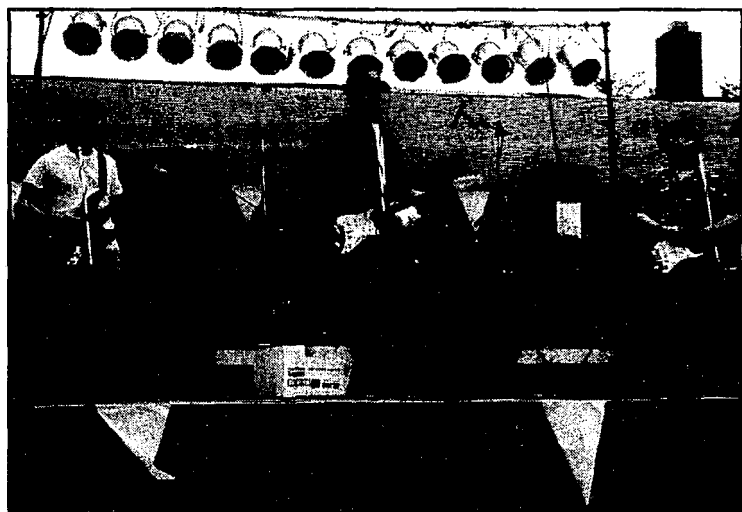
GRA is proud to be actively involved in the Multi-use Pathway Steering Committee responsible for the successful grant application that received funds for the construction of a pathway from Hanson Hills to the high school.

The Hanson Hills Skate Park opened on December 23 in the Fred Bear Memorial Center gym. The Skate Park provides a safe environment for our skateboarders and in-line skaters to enjoy their sport. More ramps are being built as sponsorship money comes in and memberships are sold. We are excited to offer another opportunity to the youth of Crawford County.

The Gonzorama Music Festival, a new event for us this summer, had seven bands play 10 hours of music at Hanson Hills. We are hopeful that this event will be successful in the future.

The Grayling Fish Hatchery had another busy year. We offered community and business picnics this year that brought community members out to enjoy the Hatchery. GRA is excited to be involved with the restoration and development project at the Fish Hatchery and we think there is great potential for our community at the site.

GRA is always eager to improve its existing programs and to develop new ideas and opportunities to provide recreational activities and fun for Crawford County residents.



Mr. Kite performs at Gonzorama, July 1999

## Grayling Township

The last year of the 20th century was a banner year for Grayling Township government, and proved that Grayling Township will continue to be a leader in providing services to its residents well into the 21st century.

The continued success of the township environmental efforts in recycling, blight eradication, and general clean-up, were rewarded in February when the township was awarded the O.B. Eustis Environmental for environmental excellence in northern Michigan.

Those same programs were the later catalyst for the supervisor, Terry Wright, being named a recipient of the Hometown Leadership Award from the National Association of Towns and Townships. This award brought a \$1,500 economic development grant from the Wal-Mart Corporation.

In the spring, the township began the long implementation of a geographic information system (GIS), to update the maps used in

assessing, zoning, and building departments.

This state-of-the-art computer system will make instantaneous, accurate map changes and allow for the retrieval and printing of selected information of any inclusive data.

The implementation is expected to be complete sometime in the spring of 2000.

A new face was added to the township board of trustees in June when Thomas Hall Jr. was appointed to complete the term of Melvin "Pat" Nunn, who went on to an elective position with the board of education. The other trustees include Wright, Monica Ashton, Ruth O'Mara, and Janice Annis.

In July, the township signed an agreement with the Crawford County Sheriff's Department to fund a COPS-Fast grant, which put a police officer on the road dedicated only to Grayling Township. Since then, deputy Tim Coe has logged almost 1,000 hours

patrolling township neighborhoods and meeting township residents.

The township building department is finishing its biggest year ever and building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical inspectors have been kept busy keeping up with another year of rapid growth.

In August, bids were let for a 1,040-square foot addition to the town hall meeting room. The addition was completed and the first meeting was held in early December.

The capacity for a township meeting went from 35 to 150. Best of all, on election days the township now won't have to clear out all the offices to locate voting booths for the six separate precincts, a process which wasted two working days.

Recent computer upgrades have guaranteed faster and more accurate information for local residents, and no problems with the Y2K transition.

## Beaver Creek Township

1999 has been another busy year for Beaver Creek, with completion of the Master Plan and formation of a Planning Commission. These steps were long overdue and necessary to insure positive growth in the community. As a result, we now have two new subdivisions in the works, and a mall is a realistic probability that will give new meaning to the term "shop locally."

The Beaver Creek Community Reading Program has completed another successful year, with dis-

tributions nearing \$450,000. This continues to be funded through Save-Share, ensuring residents of free, quality reading materials on a regular basis. Many of you selected materials for your personal use at the Annual Picnic, another fine event which brought many together for a day of merriment.

Ground breaking for the new Township offices has taken place at the Community Center. We hope to be moved in by late spring. The new structure will meet all the fire safety, document

security, and handicap access needs of the Township, while at the same time bringing lower maintenance and utility prices.

While you're at the offices you may have noticed a new face, that of Trustee Gary Summers. Although new to the board, he is taking a very active part in managing your business. Gary was appointed after Trustee Ruth McDonough and her husband Bill moved into their new home in the Upper Peninsula. We wish them well on their relocation.

## AuSable Canoe Marathon

Year 2000 will mark the 53rd running of the AuSable International Canoe Marathon. Drawing contestants from all over North America, the Marathon continues to grow in quality and in the number of faithful followers who enjoy watching many of the best paddlers in the world compete on the AuSable River.

1999 marked the eighth consecutive year of Weyerhaeuser title sponsorship of the Marathon.

"Weyerhaeuser has provided a level of support that allows Grayling to conduct an event that can be compared with races of this type anywhere in the world. We are extremely lucky to have their support and appreciate the intimate interest they take in the challenges we face in conducting a professional, safe, world class canoe marathon," said Steve Southard, marathon volunteer.

The entry roster for this year's event included out-of-state paddlers from the states of Wisconsin, Texas, Minnesota, and Iowa as well as several provinces of Canada. After the grueling race

was finished it was the team of Canadian Serge Corbin, age 42, and Grayling resident Jeff Kolka, age 40, that completed an unprecedented fourth consecutive win for the 120-mile event with a time of 14 hours 8 minutes and 8 seconds.

Long time favorite Al Widing Sr. and his partner Robert Bradford shattered the senior record with a time of 15 hours, 40 minutes and 19 seconds. This was Al Widing's 28th Marathon.

The Marathon by everyone's standard is an extremely tough event that can take the most experienced veteran and make them into a spectator early in the race. It is especially unkind to first time paddlers. Noteworthy among the first time entries for this years event was the female team of Lisa Salvini and Abby Kingman of Massachusetts, who came through the dark of the Mio Pond smartly in 44th place and finished top female team in Oscoda in 40th with a time of 16 hours, 46 minutes and 57 seconds.

Another first time team was the

father son duo of Wade and Pete Binion from College Station, Texas. Pete celebrated his 50th birthday as he sprinted the five city block run to the river. They snuck past Mio with a time of 6 hours 31 minutes and 31 seconds and finished a solid 45th place in Oscoda just ahead of the team of Sean Munn and Bob Donaldson. The Binion's are "looking forward to another cool July in Michigan in 2000."

"We are really fortunate to have so many volunteers and sponsors that come together to make such a high quality world class event happen right here in our backyard," said Crystal Filley, this year's event Chairperson.

The Co-Chair for the 2000 event is Cheryl Lucey of Grayling.

The AuSable International Canoe Marathon committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Grayling Mini-Mall. The marathon continues to be a volunteer effort and anyone willing to contribute is encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. The public is welcome.



AuSable River Canoe Marathon start, July 1999

## Grayling Lions

Lionism means a history of service. Throughout the world and locally, this is demonstrated time and again. At the behest of Helen Keller in 1925, Lions began a worldwide "crusade against darkness" in support of the visually impaired.

Additionally, over the past 25 years, Lions have become involved in international youth programs; notably, to encourage youth to resist the use of drugs and alcohol.

Membership is open to men and women age 18 and older. Three Presidents of the United States have been members of the Lions Association: Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford, and Jimmy Carter.

Over the past year, Grayling Lions have sponsored 15 eye exams and glasses for local residents. Likewise they have made donations to the Michigan Eye Bank for cornea transplants and

eye disease research.

Grayling Lions support for local school organizations include donations for Grayling Band Boosters, Project Graduation, All-State Band Candidates, and two scholarships for college-bound students: Kevin Jansen and Stephanie Wichert.

Donations for books to the Crawford County Library were made in 1999. Donations to Welcome Home for the blind, the Michigan Diabetes Association, Leader Dogs in Rochester, Michigan, and the collection of used eyeglasses for re-use in Central and South America, represent additional gifts of time and

money generated by Grayling Lions.

Other beneficiaries of Grayling Lions generosity include the Christian Help Center in Grayling, the Clinton Township Disaster Fund, in the aftermath of the tornado in Comings, and student class trips for participation in the Presidential Classroom seminar in Washington D.C.

Fundraising efforts have included the White Cane Drive last April, two lucky 13 raffles, and rattles for Glen's gift certificates.

The Grayling Lions also have provided white canes for visually impaired people, to enable them to get around.



Russel Shepard (left) of International Lions presents an award to Grayling Lions President Robert Prause for sponsoring 15 new members.



## Camp Grayling Conservation Club

The Camp Grayling Conservation Club is an association which encourages, promotes and educates the public in the proper use of fish, game and other natural resources and to foster true sportsmanship. Its other objective is to inform and educate the public, in the safe and authorized use of the lands contained within and around the Camp Grayling Military Reservation.

CGCC is going into its tenth

year and has 107 members. A good percentage of our members are from outside the Grayling area. Members volunteer their spirit and reflect their involvement with conservation and environmental issues of the Grayling area.

Members in the local area keep the club active in several events around the Grayling community and represent the club with the Michigan United Conservation Club. Their efforts provide several

hundred individuals an opportunity to participate in events that allow them to enjoy the natural resources and outdoor sports the Grayling area has to offer.

On January 5, 1999, the club gathered for Bake On The Lake (Lake Margrethe), at the White House on Camp Grayling. El Nino kept the ice fishermen off the lake, so instead of fish filets we enjoyed grilled tube steaks. Members provided a dish to pass. New officers were elected: Ron Latuszek, president; Dennis Palmer, vice president; Gary McConnell, treasurer; and Rosemary Patrick, secretary.

The club meets the first Monday of each month. During the winter season, meetings are held at Camp Grayling, Building 12. April through November, meetings are held at the clubhouse.

One 1999 CGCC highlight was the Bird Contest Hatch held in April-May. The contest was open to all Grayling fourth graders. Birdhouse kits were cut out, bun-

dled and distributed by members to the children with instructions. The students had to assemble the kit and find a place to mount the house so they could be checked for blue bird nests. The first student to report a bird hatch won a new bicycle. This was an exciting event for both the fourth graders and CGCC. Ninety-one fourth graders participated, and Monica Leslie was the contest winner.

Also in 1999, CGCC voted to financially support the Multi-Use Pathway Project, and Bernie Peters currently represents the club and Camp Grayling at the pathway committee meetings.

On July 22 CGCC sponsored a Kid's Fishing Contest during the AuSable Marathon Canoe Race, giving the kids a chance to tell grandpa they caught the biggest, smallest or even the most trout out of the AuSable. The contest was free and 45 kids participated. CGCC purchased and stocked 200 trout in the AuSable River, and

Grayling businesses donated prizes and financial support.

Also during the marathon, CGCC sponsored the Business Canoe Relays, another great participant or spectator event that brings out the want-to-be marathon canoeists. One of these days CGCC will take the trophy...

In September the Club conducted a Hunter Safety Course for all individuals in the area. The class size ranged from 10 to 40 students. Dennis Palmer has done a great job for CGCC being the chief instructor for the past eight years.

In conjunction with the Grayling Rotary Club, CGCC subscribed the TRACKS news magazine for 174 Grayling fifth graders. TRACKS is published by MUCC and the subscription ran from September through May of the school year.

November 15 and 16 marks the last event for the club, the Orange Coat Round-Up/Buck Pole at Skip's Sport Shop. Ron Latuszek

served as the honorable CGCC Buck Master. The club had Orange Coat buttons made and distributed them to local businesses for sale to all hunters, allowing them to participate in the Big Buck Contest at Skip's. Prizes were awarded to hunters harvesting buck deer.

The first day of the contest, 27 bucks were hung on the buck pole. The largest buck for the day was shot by Jim McMillan of Grayling. It weighed 145 pounds and had a rack measuring 96 inches. On the second day, Joe Accettola shot a 4X4, 140-pound buck, but it wasn't the largest...At 5:30 p.m. Matt Harwood, a 15-year-old from Grayling, delivered his trophy deer -- a 12-point, 180-pound buck, which won the grand prize.

CGCC closed out 1999 with a business meeting and dinner at the Gray Rock Restaurant.

Individuals interested in joining CGCC may contact Ron Latuszek at (517) 344-6153.

**Rock-On-Into The Gray-Rock for**

**THE New Year's Eve Party**

**NO COVER Charge!**

**Music By Vas Creek**

**Special Dinner Menu**  
Includes Full Salad Bar with Cold Shrimp Bowl

**Midnight Champagne Toast**  
Appetizer Buffet After Midnight

**Gray-Rock CAFE**

OPEN AT 7:00 AM • 7 DAYS A WEEK  
2123 Industrial Dr., Grayling  
517-348-5181

**Food & Spirits**

**Happy New Year**

May every happiness be yours throughout the new year.  
Many thanks to our patrons!

**1/2 Off Christmas Items\* Thru December 31st!**

*\*Excluding Yankee Candles*

**J.Dap Catalog Sales**

118 Mich. Ave. • Grayling, MI 49738  
Mon. - Fri. 9:30 - 6 pm • Sat. 10 am - 5 pm  
517-348-7661  
To place an order call • 1-800-222-6161

## City of Grayling

1999 saw the retirement of both the City Manager of 27 years, Jerry Morford, and Chief of Police of 27 years, Pete Stephan. The process of selecting a new City Manager is well underway and the Chief of Police position has been filled with the appointment of Karl Schreiner.

The citizens also made new appointments to the City Council with the election of Dave Wyman, Brian Banda and Jerry Hayes. The new Council members replaced Mayor Ralph Stevens, who served the community for 8 years, Robert Golnick, who served 32 years, and Robert Ruddy, a councilman for 8 years.

Hard work and determination by both the previous administration and Council, and current Acting City Manager, Terry McGregor, along with the newly elected Council, have brought several civic improvements to the City of Grayling. The sidewalk plan for 1999 was completed with the addition of new sidewalks throughout the City. Improvements were made at the City's irrigation field. The City completed a preventive maintenance operation of the entire sewer system, and installed the much-needed improvements to facilitate the long-awaited removal of the exposed sewer pipe

across the AuSable River.

Another improvement that has been anticipated for years was the widening and updating of the railroad crossing in front of the courthouse, which was finally brought to reality this past fall. Finally, the City concluded the contract negotiations with the city employees along with providing a new health insurance agreement that while including additional benefits to City Employees at the same time save the City a significant sum through the reduction of premium costs.

The new Council members will continue to have a very busy agenda while working through the process of hiring a City Manager. They will also be asked to approve a new lease agreement with the State Police Crime Lab. The lease negotiations are underway and options to relocate City Hall are being explored by the current administration.

There were some exciting changes within the City of Grayling this year, such as Marilyn Palmer's appointment as the first female Mayor of Grayling. Kay Ellen King was appointed City Clerk after serving a Deputy Clerk for 19 years. The Community

Improvement Authority was formed after months of meetings and public hearings.

As we approach the new millennium we look forward to working with a renewed spirit of participation to keep Grayling the best place to work and play in Northern Michigan.



**Sewer pipe over AuSable River removed, December 1999**

## Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465

The Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465 has had another banner year. The national organization's motto is "People Helping People," and highly committed to this, the Aerie and Women's Auxiliary have worked hard to make "helping" their main priority.

Whether it is donations of time or monies, the helping spreads from organizations and people in our community to the state and nation. The responsibility and hard work for such events as the Canoe Marathon Ox Roast, the bi-weekly Bingo and charity games, and the monthly Fish Fry Dinners are shared by the men and

women, and all proceeds are earmarked to help specific community and national endeavors.

Locally, for our schools this year donations were made to Project Graduation, the middle school and high school bands to help finance trips, and numerous teams for trips and equipment. The Aerie provided the down payment for a rescue sled for the Sheriff's Department, sponsored one of the Marathon Canoe Teams, and helped provide funds for the Grayling Recreation Authority, Hospice, the Christian Help Center, and Santa's Breakfast, to name a few.

The women have donated to River House, the Crawford AuSable Thanksgiving Dinner, the Crawford County Library, the County Fair, in addition to providing all of the funds for a special neo-natal and child development program scale for Mercy Hospital. These are only a few of the Aerie's gifts to people and places.

Fund raising dinners were held for Emily Grosskopf and Jim Wilke. Also, who could forget the work of the "shelter shiners" for River House, the road clean-up crew, and the prize-winning float in the Marathon Parade.

Statewide and nationally, funds

are distributed to most of the large charitable organizations such as diabetes, the Kidney Foundation, and Alzheimers. This year, nationwide, the Eagles are hoping to raise a record one million for the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund to fight child abuse.

All in all, for a social/service organization, the Eagles have proven in 1999 that their commitment to "People Helping People" has made them a vital part of the Grayling Community, and a group that can be counted on to lend a hand, give financial support, and sometimes even make dreams come true.

## Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Grayling will celebrate its 65th year of service in January. The year leading up to the big anniversary has been

one of dedication to the community, especially the precious children.

Kiwanians meet weekly, on Mondays, over lunch at the Chief Shoppenagon's Inn. In October, President Brian McMahon turned over his gavel to Tammy Kent, who will lead the club into the new century. A nine-member board of directors meets monthly to discuss and make decisions on donations and upcoming participation in programs by club members.

The Kiwanis Club is proud of its many contributions to the programs in Grayling. In order to support these programs, the club hosts several fund raisers each year, including the Goodfellow Newspaper drive in December, the Hartwick Pines Challenge every October, and several raffles throughout the year.

The Goodfellow Newspaper, a holiday greeting newspaper, has

been an annual event in Grayling for more than 20 years, and is something many members look forward to with anticipation.

Another favorite Kiwanis program is the Reading is Fun (RIF) program through the Crawford County Library.

The Kiwanis Club is the sole supporter of RIF in Crawford County. RIF provides an opportunity for hundreds of local children to expand their imaginations and knowledge through the many joys of reading.

Kiwanis donations to RIF allow children to own and treasure many books of their own.

Community service is stressed by the club and expected of each Kiwanian. Each month Kiwanians volunteer hundreds of hours of their time to aid the needs of others.

You can find Kiwanians reading to children in the schools, documenting historical artifacts at the

Crawford County Historical Museum, working on organized skiing events at Hanson Hills, and at almost every other event in and around the city.

Additionally, Kiwanians continually gather beverage tab tops to donate to the University of Michigan Children's Hospital to be sold as scrap aluminum. Hundreds of pounds of tab tops have brought hundreds of dollars annually to help fight and eventually cure children's diseases.

The Grayling Kiwanis Club is also very interested in developing tomorrow's leaders through its sponsorship of the Grayling High School Key Club. Key Club members learn the value of fellowship with other students through their own program of community service.

The Grayling Kiwanis Club and the GHS Key Club look forward to serving the community for many, many more years.

## South Branch Township

In 1999, South Branch Township completed an addition to the Fire Hall, which contains a drive-through bay for the trucks, a large meeting room/classroom, kitchen, and offices.

A grant from AAA of Michigan helped purchase Jaws of Life equipment for the South Branch Township Fire Department.

A River Rescue Team is being implemented through the South

Branch Township Fire Department, the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and surrounding canoe liveries.

**TRI★COUNTY MEATS**

**"The Beef Jerky People"**

December 29 - January 4, 1999

<p><b>Ground Beef From Chuck</b></p> <p>90% Lean • 10% Fat</p> <p><b>\$1.89 lb.</b></p>	<p><b>Fresh Farm Style Pork Breakfast Sausage</b></p> <p><b>\$1.69 lb.</b></p>	<p><b>Fresh Whole All Natural Amish Chicken</b></p> <p><b>.99 lb.</b></p>
---	--	---

Hours: Monday thru Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
"We cut the best and on Sundays we rest."

1081 N. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling MI • 344-1501



## Crawford County Library

1999 kicked off at the Crawford County Library with Cabin Fever sponsored by McDonald's. Each week, patrons received one free coupon redeemable at McDonald's of Grayling.

The "Road Show" resumed after a 3-year hiatus with monthly story hour presentations at Head Start, Crawford AuSable Day Care, and Mercy Child Care.

The first Winter Wolf Book Sale was held in the Children's Room on February 4 and 5, earning over \$300 in the two-day event for the Friends of the Crawford County Library.

In March, the Library became a "lender" with the merging of the Crawford County Library books and materials holdings into the Northland Library Regional Card Catalog available on the internet.

Ben Spitzer, the Juggling Magician, appeared in the Children's Room Saturday March 13.

G'Day for Reading started the last day of school. Entertainers were Musician Marc Thomas with Max the Moose, Magician of AHHH's Gordon Russ, Singer Patty Clark, and Australian story teller Anna Jarrett.

The Annual River Festival Friends of the Library Book Sale was a partial rain out but still earned over \$700.

August entertainment included the TimeStep Players, an acting group from Chicago.

Ed Parks, a Friends of the Library member, presented on behalf of the Crawford County Library Board to the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on August 18 a proposed new library project. The proposed building would be one level and approximately 10,000 square feet.

A September genealogy program at the Courthouse with Clerk Sandy Moore covered

information available at the county level and specifically what materials were available to the public in Crawford County.

Road Show Story Hours started at Crawford AuSable Day Care, Head Start, and Mrs. Karen Rauch-Smock's Preschool classes.

On October 22 Kent Reynolds, Superintendent of Schools, and Lynnette Corlew, Chair of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, signed an Option to Purchase Real Estate designating property by AuSable Primary to be sold to the Library Board upon passing a millage/bond issue for a new Library.

Ray Priebe, Jr. was appointed to the Library Board for a five year term in November. Ray joined board members Terry Wright, Sharon Hartman, Judy Hammond, Sandy Briney and Board of Commissioners liaison Lynnette Corlew.

Grayling City Mayor Marilyn Palmer signed an Option to Purchase Real Estate giving the Library necessary land to build the new library on.

Steve Doyle, Elmwood Cemetery Sexton, spoke on local cemetery information and what is available for genealogists. Volunteers claimed the 12 cemeteries in Crawford County to research.

A Strategic Planning Retreat was held November 15 with board members, staff, and Friends of the Library present. Committees and a plan of action was decided for the coming fiscal year.

A \$500,000 donation was accepted by the Library Board by Board Resolution at a special Meeting December 6. The \$500,000 donation is contingent on the passing of a millage/bond issue.

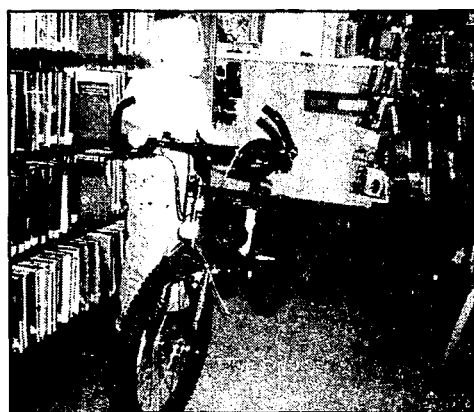
To celebrate the new millennium, Jania

Taylor, Magician appeared December 30 at the Crawford County Library in the Children's Room performing "There's Magic in Books."

For more information, please call 348-9214.



Marc Thomas w/ Max the Moose



Bike winner Cayla Johnson

## Commission on Aging

The Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) Senior Center operates a multi-purpose, walk-in center at 308 Lawndale Avenue in the city limits of Grayling. The center offers the senior citizens of Crawford County, who are 60 years and over or have a spouse 60 and over.

The center, which offers a vast number of activities and services, has been helping the seniors of Crawford County since April 10, 1973.

One of the many services offered is the nutrition program. The center has two different meals program that provides a nutritious and balanced meal for the day. The congregate meal program gives the seniors a chance to have an exchange of conversation with their friends and neighbors, and meet new people. Above all, it gets them out of the house.

The other meal program is the home-delivered meals. This is offered for those seniors who are unable to prepare their own meals. Between both of these programs the center served 53,911 meals in fiscal year '98-99.

COA's in-home services (home-making, personal care and respite) are offered for seniors who are not able to keep up their surroundings. At the end of our fiscal year '98-99 COA provided 7,785 hours of service. There are many more services that the center offers to seniors. With them, it is possible for seniors to stay in

their own homes much longer.

Also at the center this past year, the center has hosted many different activities, including special dinners, card clubs, pantry bingo, and outings, in addition to "just being there" for seniors.

The seniors and the staff working as a team were able to purchase a soft ice cream machine this year through fundraisers and donations.

One problem COA is trying to overcome is getting the word out to all the seniors in Crawford County that the services and the center are for all seniors in the county. All seniors in Crawford County are welcome to visit the center.



Ninety-three gifts were given to the Christian Help Center from COA's Christmas Tree for Kids.

## Chamber of Commerce

After approximately 50 years in existence, the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce had a very interesting year. By being involved in committees throughout the year, the Chamber maintained an active role in promoting Crawford County as a place to live, place to visit, and a place to do business.

In January, the \$10,000 Chamber Challenge Raffle took place at the Holiday Inn. Awards are given that night for Citizen of the Year, Athena Award, and Silver Lining. The Athena Award is given to a citizen who has shown exemplary contributions to the community, has mentored young women, and is a business owner or manager. The Silver Lining award goes to a member building owner who made significant exterior improvements to their business location.

The Michigan Department of Transportation coordinated a public meeting with the Chamber in February to hear public comments about making North Down River Road at I-75 a full interchange. A second public meeting is scheduled to take place sometime in 2000.

March brought Bill Shepler from Shepler's Mackinaw Island Ferry to Grayling to talk to business owners and staff about service magic, a customer service seminar. This Chamber sponsored work-

shop also highlighted marketing our community. Those that attended learned about creating "raging fans" instead of customers.

In April thoughts start turning to summer events and the busy season. By then work had started on the last full weekend in July when the AuSable River Festival takes place. The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Arts and Crafts show held in the City Park. Nearly 150 crafters and artisans display their wonderful talents in this event. Along with that show, the Chamber assists in coordinating the other activities surrounding the Festival. The weather played a role in activities on Friday as one of the only rainstorms of the summer came blowing through.

In October, the Chamber Board of Directors held their annual strategic planning session. The Board is committed to planning, leadership, credibility, networking, marketing, visibility, community awareness, tourism, education, quality, prosperity and success.

The main goals are to re-establish confidence among members and prepare a detailed plan for a positive reputation, image, and integrity. Additional goals were to make the Grayling area a destination and to develop a commonly

identifiable theme.

Staff from the Chamber, along with the Visitors Council attended the Novi Snowmobile Show in November. Information on Grayling was distributed to thousands of attendees. Also in November, Chamber staff and members along with representatives from the public sector spent a day in Lansing lobbying on land use issues. Several legislators' offices were visited.

The ad sales for the official county road map project were completed in December. The project is a joint effort of the Chamber with the cooperation of the Road Commission for Crawford County. The new map should be delivered in the spring. Ten thousand copies will be distributed throughout the community and to visitors to our area.

Business After Hours has continued to be a popular event held monthly. Some sponsors schedule year after year. This is a good networking opportunity for the business community.

Several ribbon cutting events have also taken place in 1999 for new businesses or businesses with new owners.

Some staff changes took place in 1999. At the end of the year the staff consists of: Executive Director Lynn Porritt-McConnell, Deputy

Director Tim Zigala, and Secretary Marianne Gosnell.

The 1999-00 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is as follows: President Diane Tompkins, Past President Monte Burmeister, Vice President Laurie Figley, Secretary Phil Dennett, Treasurer Bill Gannon, Directors are John Patchin, Char Fry, Paula Edlund, Judy Craft, Rob Aubry, Glenda Jacobs, Corrine Cristman and Lanice Rutter. Ex-Officio members are representatives from the Military, Grayling Township, Crawford County Board of Commissioners, Crawford AuSable Schools, Grayling Recreation Authority and the City of Grayling.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you wish to inform us of an activity or event, are a member who wants to link to the Grayling Internet home page, or need information call 348-2921. The e-mail address is chamber@grayling-mi.com.

*Just Before Midnight*

We'd like to send out our very best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year to our many friends and neighbors all over the region. We have enjoyed serving you and look forward to seeing you all through 2000.

**OLD KENT**



## MDOT Grayling TSC

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) was pleased to open its Grayling Transportation Service Center in late July.

Managed by Bonnie Bussard, the office is responsible for servicing six counties along the I-75/US-27 corridor (Cheboygan, Emmet, Otsego, Crawford, Roscommon and Ogemaw).

The concept encourages a closer

relationship with area customers and enables MDOT to have a better understanding of local concerns on state trunklines.

The office employs 21 full-time employees specializing in design, traffic and safety, permits (drive-way, billboard and transport), construction and maintenance.

In 1999, this office supervised the reconstruction and addition of a third lane on southbound I-75 in

Crawford County. In 2000, they will oversee the rehabilitation of US-27 from the I-75 split to County Road 104 in Roscommon County. This office is also involved in planning for a possible upgrading of the North Down River Road interchange.

The office is located at 1680 Hartwick Pines Road (M-93) near the I-75 interchange. The office's toll free number is 888-811-6368.

### Michigan Snowshoe Center

Breaking New Trails to Winter Fun!!

• Sales • Rentals • Trails



▲ SNOWSHOES • ATLAS • TUBBS • SHERPA  
• YUBA • LITTLE BEAR  
• IVERSON • CRESCENT MOON

▲ SNOWSHOE LODGE FURNITURE

▲ SNOWSHOE MAKING CLASSES

▲ OUTDOOR ACCESSORIES

▲ ON-SITE TRAILS AND DAY LODGE

▲ CALL OR WRITE FOR ACTIVITIES OR NEWSLETTER

Proud host of American Hiking Society  
Winter Trails Day '00, Jan. 15th

3800 West Federal Highway, Roscommon, MI 48653

**1-800-478-8151** 1 Mile West Off I-75 Exit 244

www.snowshoecenter.com

## Winter Wonderland of Savings

We have a reputation for:

Quality

Style

Fashion

... and

# SAVINGS!

So, from Now through  
January 2, 2000 we will offer  
10% to 60% OFF ALL clothing



## SAVINGS!

1/2 Mile West on M-72  
Grayling

**348-7903**

## Help Center

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center has had a busy year. We have especially enjoyed being in our building.

In the spring, we distributed Easter Basket Fixin's in cooperation with Kiwanis.

During June, July and August we supplied lunch bags for the children who receive reduced or free lunch during the school year. This program was expanded from other years and we served 120 children twice a month with nutritious lunch ingredients.

In late August we were asked by Strong Families/Safe Children

to distribute school supplies to any of the lunch bag recipients who needed them.

The Help Center has recently been involved in its Christmas project, the center's seventh Christmas. Over 100 families were served with Christmas dinner fixings and toys supplied through Toys for Tots collections.

The center has also arranged for 20 families to be adopted.

During 1999, the Help Center has received wonderful support from the community.

We cannot operate without this support, financial as well as moral support.

### We Can Save You Time And Money

One-stop shopping. Drop off your prescription, do your shopping then pick up your prescription. Fast, no-wait, friendly service.

All major third-party plans accepted.

Complete line of generics.

Plenty of free, convenient parking.

### Glen's Pharmacy Wants to Serve You

Look at the services and conveniences we offer:

- ❑ Free drug allergy screening.
- ❑ Computerized records for your tax and insurance purposes.
- ❑ Drug leaflet, proper use of drugs, methods of administration; potential side effects and proper storage.

We are dedicated to making sure you get the right price on all your prescriptions with the best possible service.



Pharmacy Hours:  
Monday-Saturday, 9 am - 6 pm • Closed Sunday  
**(517) 348-5335**

Located in Glen's Market, I-75 Business Loop S.

## Hartwick Pines State Park

1999 was a busy year at Hartwick Pines State Park and the Logging Museum. 216,278 people visited Michigan's fifth largest State Park and saw a variety of programs about the natural and cultural history of Michigan.

The Friends of Hartwick Pines hosted the annual Woodshaving Days and Black Iron Days festivals, which continue to be popular with visitors.

Two new festivals grew substantially this year. Maple Syrup Day in March attracted over 1,000 people for tours of a sugarbush and demonstrations of maple syrup making.

The second annual Forest Fest, celebrating the natural resources of the forest, welcomed more than 700 visitors on July 31. Activities included guided hikes and auto tours of the forest resources, special guests, an evening musical concert, children's activities, and an appearance by Smokey the Bear.

There were several special programs throughout the summer that featured live animals. The Organization for Bat Conservation brought nocturnal animals, including bats and an Australian Bush Baby.

North Wings Birds of Prey had a Raptor program with owls and



Woodshaving Days, July 1999

hawks. Biologist Jan VanHoesen held numerous programs featuring "Crystal," a live lynx that is a State endangered species.

The Michigan Forest Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines sponsors Ms. VanHoesen to have this animal.

Besides the live animal programs, other programs included snowshoe workshops, guest speakers, evening programs in the campground and logging museum, and guided bicycle tours of the history in the park.

Hartwick Pines hosted over 100 school groups and special tours, in

addition to the park's regular schedule of guided hikes and tours.

Park staff members continue to be involved in the community. Ann Stephens, the park interpreter, was a member of the group that developed the interpretive trail for the Beal Plantation and attended the dedication of the site in October.

Rob Burg, the site historian, is working with the Grayling Fish Hatchery restoration project and on a project to connect Hartwick Pines to several area sites about Michigan's lumber and forestry

heritage.

The park also participated in this year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon parade with a float entitled "Reforestation for the Future/A Century of Conservation."

Other improvements in 1999 included new signs for way-finding and interpretation, the addition of a wheelchair ramp at the logging museum, and a new septic field in the campground.

Next year will see continued additions to the interpretive programs, site specific campground reservations, and better websites for the park and museum.

## Grayling Area Visitors Council

The Grayling Area Visitors Council (GAVC) markets Grayling and Crawford County to bring visitors to the area.

The GAVC Board of Directors is as follows: President: Dave Sabin, Aquarama Motel; Vice-President, Dean Smith, Holiday Inn;

Treasurer, Judy Craft, North Country Lodge; Secretary, Cheryl Hunter, Eorcher's Bed and Breakfast; Board Members: Jim Humes, Penrod's Resort; and Les Fouch, River Country Motor Lodge.

The GAVC continued to pro-

vide Crawford County as a recreational destination throughout 1999 in various ways. The second edition of the Grayling Lodging and Attractions, a 52-page full color brochure, hit the racks in January.

The 50,000 copies have been distributed through the Welcome Centers in Michigan, direct mail, and travel service distribution. A new brochure will be available in January, 2000.

Advertising space was purchased and ads were designed for the Booth 8 Newspapers, Michigan Living, the National Guard Association of Michigan Program, and Quest publications.

The trade show booth and area representatives went to the Grand Center Sport, Fishing and RV Show, and the Novi Snowmobile Show.

The GAVC has been a proud donor to the canoe marathon, the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association, and the Grayling Uptown District Association antique car show.

Other GAVC activities in 1999 included membership in the West Michigan Tourist Association, Michigan Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus, Michigan Snowmobile Association, Michigan Hotel and Motel Association, the Great Lakes Nordic Ski Council, Michigan

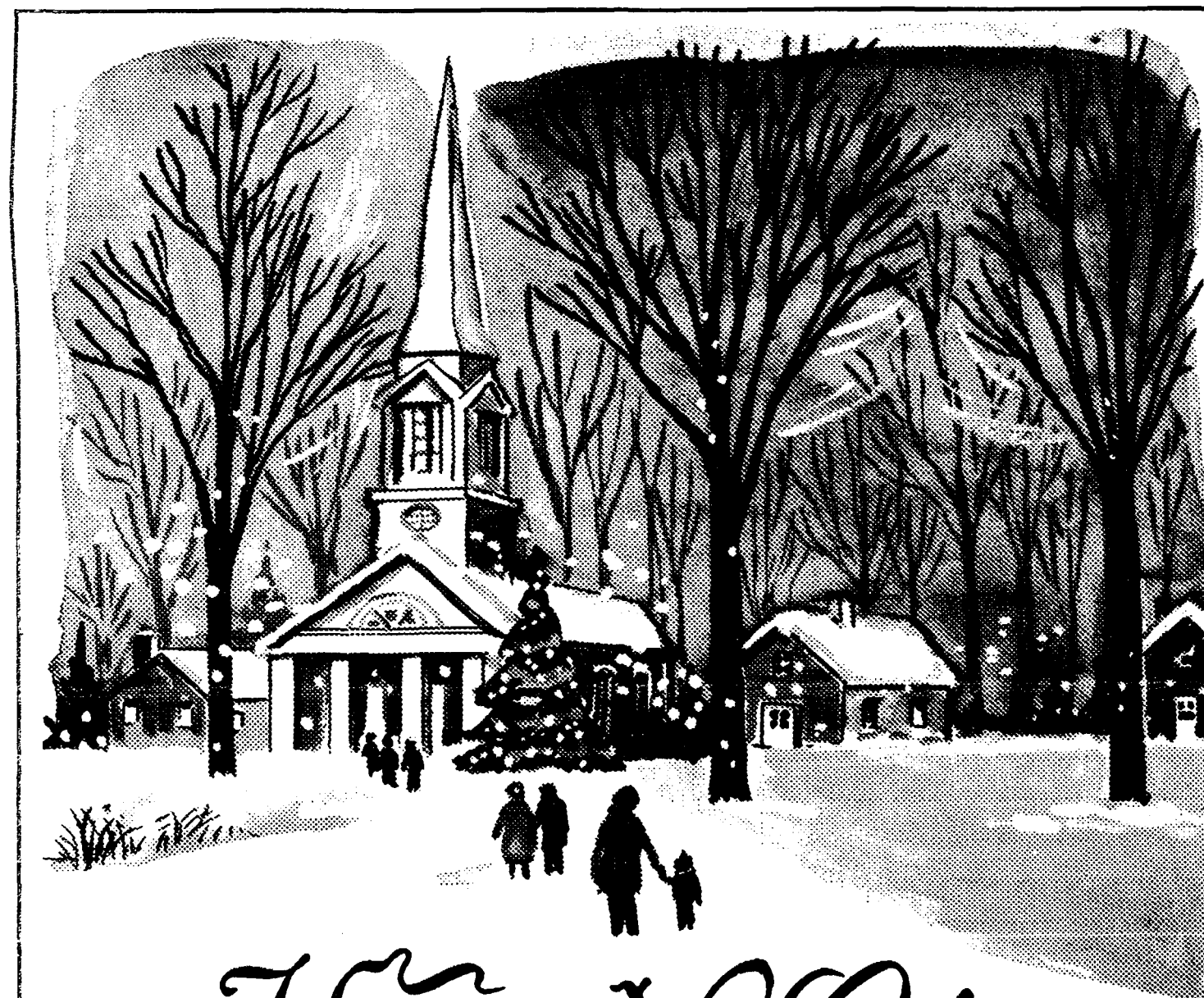
Mountain Biking Association, and the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association.

The GAVC was represented at the Legislator's Breakfast in February, the Michigan Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus Educational Conference in April, the Governor's Conference on Tourism, the CCC Museum and State Forest Nursery Interpretive Meeting and Beal Plantation Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in October, and the Northern Michigan Legislators Conference on Tourism in November.

With the continuing support of our web site provider, the homepage at [www.grayling-mi.com](http://www.grayling-mi.com) was greatly improved. More information about the area can be obtained by visiting the site. Over 2,000 "hits" per month are generated from the web site, and numerous e-mail requests are processed.

Weather information is updated frequently, depending on changing conditions. The same holds true for snowmobile trail, cross country ski trail, fishing and hunting conditions.

The GAVC's office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F, and from June 1 to Labor Day on Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you need information, please call 348-4945 or e-mail [visitor@grayling-mi.com](mailto:visitor@grayling-mi.com)



# Happy New Year

May the pleasures of a warm family celebration be yours this holiday.  
From our house to yours we send bright greetings and wish  
you a Happy New Year.

Grayling - 517-348-6511  
2500 I-75 Business Loop  
Houghton Lake Hts. - 517-422-5111  
7409 W. Houghton Lake Dr.  
Prudenville - 517-366-9636  
1511 W. Houghton Lake Dr.  
Roscommon - 517-275-8941  
505 North 5th St.

Closed New Year's Day



**CHEMICAL BANK** SM

*The Bank for Everybody.*

MEMBER F.D.I.C. / EQUAL HOUSING. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LENDER

Visit us at our website: [www.chemicalbankmi.com](http://www.chemicalbankmi.com)



**Stop. Go. Pennzoil.™**  
**For One Low Price**

- Lube, Oil & Filter on all makes and models
- Top off all under-hood fluids
- Check tire pressure

All for only . . .

**\$20.98\***  
PLUS TAX

\*Up to 5 quarts of oil. Diesel extra.

Other brands of oil also available.

**Drive-thru service - no need to leave your car! No appointments necessary**



208 S. James St., Grayling (517) 348-3242

E-mail: [grayling@freeway.net](mailto:grayling@freeway.net)

Monday - Friday, 8 am to 5:30 pm, Saturday 9 am to 3 pm



## Mercy Hospital

"The past year has brought much change and many challenges to Mercy North - Grayling. However, we have continued to provide high quality, mission driven care throughout our five county area while focusing special effort on the continued development of primary/ambulatory care, regional and community partnerships, and outreach efforts. We have worked diligently to reduce expenses and operate more efficiently to carry out our organization successfully into the future," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, pursuant to the release of Mercy's annual report to the community in November.

"Accomplishments this year have included:

- Continued efforts to partner with Munson Healthcare working toward efficiencies, reducing expenses, and to improve overall service provided to our patients throughout Northern Michigan.
- Letter writing campaign pursuant to the Balanced Budget Act (BBA). The BBA has caused significant challenges for all hospital systems. In addition to a legislative letter writing campaign from our employees, physicians, volun-

teers and community, we hosted a forum to provide further education to Congressmen Dave Camp and Bill Thomas regarding some specific challenges that the BBA has caused for small, rural hospitals and other health care providers in northern Michigan.

- A Medical Advisory Panel was created to further develop our major strategies to take us into the future.

- Our Capital Campaign has resulted in pledges and donations of over \$350,000 which will allow us to purchase additional state of the art equipment. We are grateful for the support of the communities we serve.

- Community Partnerships: We have participated in many collaborative bodies and organizations throughout our service area. Through our Strategic Initiative for the Poor program, we provided \$49,408 in grant monies to support programs in our community. We sponsored the Mercy Hospital Ausable River 10K Run for our 20th and final year. We are hoping that another organization will step forward to take this event into the future.

- Growth: In July of 1998, our

new facility opened in Roscommon. Timothy Thornton, M.D. joined Keith Freeman, M.D. and Jeffrey Fox, P.A.-C as patient volumes rose. Via a partnership with Munson Healthcare, another new health center is currently under development in Prudenville which will offer family practice as well as many varied specialties and ancillary services. Jeffrey Strickler, M.D. joined Kevin Denlinger, D.O. and Sheri Davis, P.A.-C at our current Prudenville facility this year. Inpatient volumes at the hospital have increased this year as well. We were also fortunate to have a team of hospital staff and volunteers who developed our "Healing Garden," a refreshing and tranquil location for our patients, visitors and staff to visit at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

- Other projects have included our diligent preparation for Y2K with all systems and equipment tested and ready for the new millennium. The JCAHO visited and awarded continued accreditation, and grant monies from the Emily George Grant which will allow us to address infant mortality in our communities."

## River House Shelter

River House Shelter, which serves Crawford, Roscommon, Oscoda and Ogemaw counties, is not only a safe place for survivors of domestic violence; the Shelter offers many other services as well. Among these are: individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, advocacy/referrals, programs for children and youth, advocacy and counseling for sexual assault victims, and the Alternatives to Abuse Program.

Early in the year, the Shelter lost its Advisory Board Chairperson, Ilene Geiss-Wilson. Ms. Geiss-Wilson has been a part of the team since the Shelter began in 1986. Throughout the year Kim Ginther, Carl Heidel (current Chairperson) and Linda Harp joined the team.

In April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, many took part in the Clothesline Project and Take Back the Night Candlelight Vigil in Traverse City. The Clothesline Project is "intended to demonstrate the impact of vio-

lence and the power of healing as many 'stories' hung shoulder-to-shoulder in a collective voice of courage."

River House Shelter participated in both the Kirtland Warbler Festival and the Roscommon Art Festival with booths to show the many aspects of and services available to the public.

The summer months also brought a new grant for sexual assault prevention education from the Michigan Department of Community Health to purchase and implement a program entitled "Teen Pep" from Toledo Children's Hospital to use in five area schools.

A group of students in each school representing their peers (based on the peer's trust in each student) will use role-playing techniques to encourage discussion with their fellow students in health classes or as designated by school counselors and teachers.

October was time for a

Candlelight Ceremony in Roscommon. "To remember the victims of domestic violence and to celebrate the survivors who have made new lives for themselves."

Survivors and families participated from all four counties in the Shelter's area.

The holidays are a joyous time of year for many, and River House Shelter shares the cheer with many different activities throughout the season. The highlight is that one special day when Santa comes to visit the women and children and often reignites that sparkle in their eyes, reminding them of the season of perpetual hope.

Without the selflessness and dedication of those hardworking individuals who volunteer, River House could not continue to offer its many services to those in need. The Shelter appreciates you for taking your time and making a difference.

## Grayling Lioness Club

The Grayling Lioness Club, currently at 19 members, is in its 16th year of community service. The Lioness Club works with and helps the Grayling Lions.

The club meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Shoppenagon's Inn. Officers are: Marge Shepard, President; Margaret Chappell, Secretary; and Marie Prause, Treasurer.

Fundraisers this year included: CML Opens House Concession, House of Lloyds Christmans

Around the World Party, Christmas in July Raffle, and the Hartwick Pines Forest Concession.

Each year, the club gives a scholarship for the Don Hale Memorial to a local student. Other community donations included talking books to the Crawford County Library and toys and money to the Christian Help Center for Christmas.

State donations from the club went to: Michigan Eye Bank, Paws for a Cause, Leader Dog

Program, Diabetes research, Welcome Home for the Blind, Lions Bear Lake Camp, and the Kay Kosek Award.

The Kay Kosek Award is given each year through the Lions of Michigan Service foundation. The award is given to a person in recognition of outstanding service in the community and district. This award was presented to President Marge Shepard of the Grayling Lioness Club at the Lions district spring convention in April of 1999.

## Camp Grayling

A few of Camp Grayling's 1999 highlights include:

- Troop strength: The highest priority for Camp Grayling is providing the necessary assets (land, equipment/devices, and support personnel) for realistic training of wartime skills. The number of soldiers hosted for the two-week Annual Training (AT) periods increased from the AT '98 level. The number of soldier training mandays in fiscal year '99 were: 49,966 for weekend training (IDT) and 117,565 for AT. Projections for 2000 indicate an increase in both AT and IDT.

- Oklahoma AT '99: The Oklahoma Army National Guard's 45th Field Artillery Brigade conducted two back-to-back AT periods at Camp Grayling starting Memorial Day weekend, with a second rotation coming in June. The 45th served in the Gulf War, and holds the U.S. Army distinction of delivering the highest number of rounds onto Iraqi targets during the war.

- Training events: Shortly after completing their weekend training exercise at Camp Grayling's Range 40, the 110th Fighter Wing, Michigan Air National Guard, was mobilized from Battle Creek to Kosovo on May 17, 1999. The 110th flies the A-10 Thunderbolt II, which is a common sight over Range 40. Their training here helped them hone their skills for the Presidential Call-Up. After a brief in-country processing, the A-10's were engaging Serbia targets in Kosovo.

- Environmental impact: For the fourth year in a row, Camp Grayling has received an environmental award. This year Camp Grayling Commander Col. Gary J. McConnell accepted the Huron Pines RC&D Area Council's Certificate of Commendation, "In recognition of support for the M-72/ Manistee River dry hydrant and support for the Michigan Timber Bridge Initiative by the construction of Tank Trail Bridges #1 and #2 over the East Branch of the AuSable River in Camp

Grayling."

Also, Camp Grayling joined with other environment-focused groups in conducting Adopt-A-Forest Day within the boundaries of Camp Grayling. In May, 1999, Camp Grayling state and federal workers joined forces to recon forest areas and remove illegally dumped trash.

- Community Impact: The Economic Impact Assessment reveals Camp Grayling's contribution to the local economy exceeded \$26 million in 1998. Salary and wages made up the major expenditure at \$13.5 million, with 176 employed full time personnel and 887 part time jobs. \$10.6 million relates to contracts, rental agreements, construction costs, and research and development project expenditures. The balance (\$2.5 million) reflects personnel expenditures by soldiers, airmen, SeaBees, Marines, and Canadians training at Camp Grayling.

- Grayling Army Air Field: The Grayling Army Air Field, the only airport in Crawford County, continues to serve civilian air traffic under the agreement of the Bureau of Aeronautics and Department of Military Affairs.

- Dud Awareness: The 745th Ordnance Disposal Detachment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal or EOD) conducted Dud Awareness training at local schools in 1999, as in many past years, in an effort to

educate local youth on good safety practices and what to do if they encounter an item they think may be dud ordnance. The 745th brought training dud munitions for identification and set up a training course in the nearby woods for a practical exercise.

- EOD to Panama: Camp Grayling's 745th Ordnance Disposal Detachment (EOD) deployed to Panama in February to participate in the final phase of range clearing operations prior to the return of the Panama Canal Zone to the Panamanian government.

- Loomis Battery Competition: The 9th Annual Loomis Battery competition was held on Range 10 at Camp Grayling in July. This primarily Civil War re-enactors group provides a unique opportunity for the public to view a bygone era with weapon firing competition in cannons, mortars and civil war rifles. Camp Grayling is one of the few sites in the country where they can fire their cannons at Civil War distances.

- Law Enforcement Training: Numerous local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies continue to utilize Camp Grayling. Plans are currently in motion to develop a Regional Police Training facility in the 600 Area of Camp Grayling, which would include a drive course, training classrooms, and easy access to ranges.



Partner Challenge at Camp Grayling, June 1999

WE MAKE CAR BUYING FUN!

# YOUR PREMIER

## FIVE STAR

# DEALER

WE MAKE CAR BUYING FUN!

**2000 Dodge Caravan**

4-speed automatic, 3.0 L V-6, air conditioning, dual sliding doors, AM/FM cassette, rear window defroster, power windows/locks/mirrors, dual air bags, easy roller seats, rear wiper, luggage rack, 7 passenger seating, cruise control, tilt wheel, sunscreen glass, underseat storage drawer and much more. Stock #91026 Was \$22,950 LEASE FOR \$229/MONTH  
**Now Only \$17,995**

**2000 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 SLT Reg. Cab**

4-speed automatic, 5.9 L Magnum V-8, air conditioning, tilt, cruise control, AM/FM cassette, power windows/locks/mirrors, power heated mirrors, sliding rear windows, fog lamps, chrome wheels, dual airbags, 40/20/40 split bench seat and much more. Stock #96077 Was \$24,640 LEASE FOR \$266/MONTH  
**Now Only \$21,640**

**2000 Plymouth Neon**

3-speed automatic, 2.0 L 4-cyl., air conditioning, AM/FM cassette, rear defroster, cruise control, tilt wheel and rear folding seat and much more. Stock #84018  
Was \$14,795 LEASE FOR \$199/MONTH **Now Only \$12,899**

**2000 Dodge Intrepid**

4-speed automatic, 2.7 L V-6, air conditioning, AM/FM cassette, tilt wheel, cruise control, power windows/locks/mirrors, remote keyless entry, dual airbags, rear window defroster and much more. Stock #87002 Was \$21,175 LEASE FOR \$274/MONTH  
**Now Only \$18,975**

**2000 Chrysler Town & Country LXI**

4-speed automatic, 3.8 L V-6, Infinity AM/FM cassette/CD player, sunscreen glass, dual heated power seats power windows/locks/mirrors, roof rack, ABS brakes, traction control, alum. wheels, rear heat/air, quad bucket seats, cruise, tilt wheel, leather interior, trip computer, and much more! Stock #92012 Was \$32,210 LEASE FOR \$340/MONTH  
**Now Only \$27,995**

**2000 Dodge Durango 4x4**

4-speed automatic, 4.7 L V-8, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo, cassette, rear window defroster, power locks/windows/locks/mirrors/seats, fog lamps, roof rack, 3rd row seat, remote keyless entry, 31x10 tires, cruise control, tilt wheel, sunscreen glass, rear air and much more. Stock #97004 Was \$30,870 LEASE FOR \$399/MONTH **Now Only \$28,745**

1001 Mankowski Rd.  
Exit 282 off I-75  
Gaylord  
(517) 732-5991  
(888) 430-8818

**FEENY GAYLORD**

Check Out Our Used Cars At [www.feeny.com](http://www.feeny.com)

\*All leases are 36 months/12,000 miles per year. \$1,500 down. All rebates to dealer. Plus tax on cash down, first security payment deposit, plate, and doc. fee due at delivery. With approved credit.

Delivered from dealer stock. Prior Sales Not Valid. No Factory Orders. Not Valid With Chrysler Employee Purchase Or CDI

WE MAKE CAR BUYING FUN!

# ORGANIZE YOUR LIFE

**ACE**

**\$3.88**

**Professional Grade Duck Tape**  
Multi-purpose tape. 2" x 60 yards. 42904

Good at participating Ace stores. Limit 3 per customer. Expires 1/31/00

**COUPON**

**ACE**

**89¢**

**Standard Light Bulbs**  
Handy 4-packs in 40, 60, 75, or 100 watts. 32949, 50, 51, 31320

Good at participating Ace stores. Limit 3 per customer. Expires 1/31/00

**COUPON**

**ACE**

**77¢**

**High Energy Suet**  
Attracts a variety of birds. 11x oz. 80795

Good at participating Ace stores. Limit 3 per customer. Expires 1/31/00

**COUPON**

**McLean's Hardware**

209 S. James Street • Grayling • 348-2931

Mon. - Sat. 8 am to 5:30 pm • Sun. 9 am to 2 pm

Due to physical size, merchandising policies and manufacturer's shortages, some stores may be unable to stock all items shown. However, most items can be ordered by your Ace dealer and a "Rain Check" can be issued assuring you of the sale price featured. Not responsible for printing errors.

**CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY • OPEN 9-2 SUNDAY**



## District Health Dept. No. 10

The staff of District Health Department No. 10 in Grayling continues to promote and enhance the health of individuals in Crawford County through education, prevention, intervention, and the protection of the environment.

For over a decade the health department has provided Maternal Support Services (MSS) and Infant Support Services (ISS) to eligible women and infants. The MSS program assists women in having a healthy pregnancy and baby by providing home visits to women at the start of pregnancy through two months after delivery.

Home visits are made by a social worker, nurse, or dietitian and focus on a variety of health-related topics. The ISS program continues to support a new or growing family by providing home visits as needed from birth to one-year-old.

The ISS program offers family help on a variety of topics, cover-

ing baby care to discipline and parenting.

Breast and cervical cancer screening services are now available to women who qualify between the ages of 40-64. The health department has a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner who will conduct a clinical breast exam, pap smear and pelvic exam. The women are then scheduled for a mammogram at the hospital. All of these services are free of charge.

DHD No. 10 is pleased to provide public health training to nursing students from Kirtland Community College. Nursing students observe a wide range of public health services from immunization clinics to environmental site visits. Every semester, approximately eight to 12 student nurses participate in this program.

The Kiwanis Club of Grayling is in its second year of providing books to children who are immunized. Health department nurses are thrilled to be able to put a

smile on the face of a child, courtesy of Kiwanis. Nearly 200 books have been given to children in Crawford County since the program's inception.

Another group working hand in hand with the health department is RSVP. These wonderful seniors knit hats, mittens and blankets that can be taken off the DHD No. 10 Christmas tree during the holidays. During the remainder of the year, items are given to newborns and children through the MSS and ISS programs.

These are just a few of the many services that DHD No. 10 is proud to offer the community of Crawford County.

A few of our other services include: premarital education, quit smoking classes, cholesterol screenings, women, infant children (WIC) and environmental health. For more information call 348-7800.

DHD No. 10 looks forward to serving you in the New Year!

## Habitat for Humanity

"The sacrifice I thought I would be making turned out to be one of the greatest blessings of my life." - Jimmy Carter

Carter, a longtime Habitat for Humanity supporter, found the satisfaction that comes from helping others achieve the American dream: a home of their own. That same spirit is alive here in northern Michigan.

Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976. Its mission is to provide decent, affordable, safe housing. By using tax-deductible donations and volunteer labor, families that only had a dream can afford their own home.

The Crawford County Habitat affiliate built its first house in 1997. A second home was added in 1998.

At the beginning of 1999, the Crawford County Habitat board set several goals. One was to construct two additional houses.

Another was to help county residents be more informed about Habitat's work. The year brought several milestones:

- For the first time in one year, Habitat has built two homes for Crawford County residents. This is more personal than numbers on a report; two families are now making their own mortgage payments and shoveling their own sidewalks because of the generosity and volunteer labor of many individuals and businesses. The Grayling High School Building Trades class deserves special recognition for its help in making this possible.

- Sister Naomi Holysko became the group's first executive director. She carries on the day to day operations, including securing sources of financing, coordinating volunteers, and directing inquiries to the proper committees. She is the voice you hear on the other end of the phone when

you call the office for information.

- Helen Cram of Linden, Michigan donated four lots in Frederic Township as prospective building sites. Over the next few years, these too will become the location of new homes for more county residents.

- The board increased its numbers to encompass a broader spectrum of the county population, increasing Habitat's exposure within the county. More churches and civic organizations now have a connection with Habitat. Mercy Hospital has provided a room for the board to hold monthly meetings.

- Habitat has a new office located at 702 Peninsular Avenue next to Saint Mary's Church. Day to day tasks, such as this year's six local fundraisers, are now carried out more efficiently. The increased visibility in the community has also made it easier for individuals to volunteer.

## Kirtland Community College

Kirtland enjoyed a year of significant exploration, change and achievement.

"It has been an exciting year, with many accomplishments" said Interim President Richard Silverman. "We conducted a community survey throughout our district to measure how residents felt about the College and its programs; after completing an exhaustive two-year self-study process, we were awarded official accreditation by the North Central Association; we re-opened the Volunteer Center; our Board of Trustees elected new members and officers; we hired a new director of the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts; we began writing a history of the College; and, we completed a \$7.2 million building program adding 50,000 square feet of new classroom and laboratory space to the campus."

Dorothy N. Franke retired in October, 1999 after ten years of outstanding service to the College as President. Some of the achievements in 1999 under her leader-

ship included:

- receipt of a \$4.1 million grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to build a technical training center (M-TEC) in Otsego County to serve the technical education needs of northern Michigan...construction on the new 29,000 sq.ft. facility is expected to begin June 30, 2000 and be opened in early 2001;
- the continuance of Kirtland's global awareness program and the completion of exchange visits with Beijing Union University;
- the receipt of substantial grants for technical training scholarships from the Jobs Commission;
- a new sports program, started with men's and women's basketball teams (The Firebirds);
- the annual Kirtland's Warbler Festival which enjoyed its largest crowds to date;
- the establishment of a Kirtland alumni association;
- Kirtland becoming one of the first colleges to join the Michigan

Community College Virtual Learning Collaborative which allows students to take on-line credit courses directly from other participating community colleges;

- Kirtland's Associate degree Medical Assistant program being accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs;
- three classes graduated from the Kirtland Regional Police Academy;

• for yet another year Kirtland's nursing graduates leading the state and national pass-rates on examinations.

Next year the College plans a new marketing program; it will begin construction on the new M-TEC in Gaylord; it will hire a new president; it will strive to increase efficiency by finding ways to maximize its human and fiscal resources; and, it will maintain as its mission the commitment to improve the quality of life in the Kirtland region by providing educational programs and services of quality.

## Lake Margrethe Property Owners

The Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association (LMPOA) was formed 31 years ago with the objective to preserve and protect the natural beauty of Lake Margrethe and the surrounding area, to enhance the great natural resources and recreational facilities, to support an orderly development of the water and land area, and to promote the interest, rights and safety of property owners in the area.

Membership is open to all persons owning property located between the shores of Lake Margrethe and state or federal land. At the present time, we have 310 families in our association.

1999 activities included sail boat regattas, AuSable River Festival Parade, water testing, lake clarity readings, water level control, zebra mussel testing, Big Tree and Christmas decoration contests, membership meetings, publishing

the "RIPPLES," and our major event, the July boat parade.

Tom and Jan Hunt plus Ron and Cindy Herron hosted the July 3 Boat Parade and Party, which included 100 boats and 300-400 people. A great time was had by all.

The Lake Margrethe Storm Water, Sedimentation and Road End Erosion Inventory study, sponsored by a partnership between LMPOA, Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development Council, Road Commission for Crawford County, and Grayling Township, was completed in September. Seventeen sites were studied. The survey synopsis found that Summit, West Lincoln Park Avenue, Walnut Plaisance and McIntyre's Landing had high public use and erosion severity.

Thanks to the efforts of Grayling Township and the Road

Commission for Crawford County, Summit Avenue was improved. Rip-rap was installed along the shoreline, a small boat launch pad was rebuilt, the road was crowned with gullies on each side to deflect/divert ground water, and grass was planted on the sides to control erosion.

Next year's projects include improvements at West Lincoln Park/Walnut Plaisance, new culverts at Portage Creek, and increased water testing along the shoreline.

The Lake Margrethe Foundation was formed on October 21, 1998, and is part of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation. The Foundation will look at long range plans to preserve and protect the lake for future generations. A new lake study will be started in 2000, as well as work on a 100-year Lake Margrethe history book.

## 4-H

This has been a busy year for Crawford County 4-Hers. We had a total of 1,099 youth involved in 4-H projects, both in-school and out of school. We also had 53 wonderful volunteers who helped make this a successful year.

Our archery club had a great year, thanks to the expert instruction of the leaders at the Bears Bowman Club.

Tee-ball players formed six teams of kindergarten and first graders, and junior tee-ball played on four teams of pre-schoolers. The swim clubs got a late start, but once they got into the water, they learned lots about splashing, and swimming.

A new TaeKwonDo club was formed, and many of the partici-

pants had such a good time that they signed up for a second set of sessions. Babysitting classes were held two times this year, and these boys and girls are ready to begin.

In-school programs are growing as well. Our egg incubators hatched baby chicks at Frederic Elementary and AuSable Primary Schools. Character education classes were held at Frederic Elementary and Grayling Middle School, which focused on trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

This summer was very busy. We started in June with 16 teens going to Michigan State University to attend Exploration Days. While we were at MSU, the Youth Conservation School began. We


worked with the George Mason Chapter of Trout Unlimited to provide this two-week day camp.


In July, one youth went with the Michigan delegation to the Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C. Then it was fair time at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. There were some great exhibits there, and many youths received blue ribbons for their entries.

This is only a small part of what is happening at the Michigan State University Extension Office. We have a Family Nutrition Program, Forestry Education, and more resources than you can imagine.

Please stop by in the basement of the courthouse, and see what we have that's of interest to you.

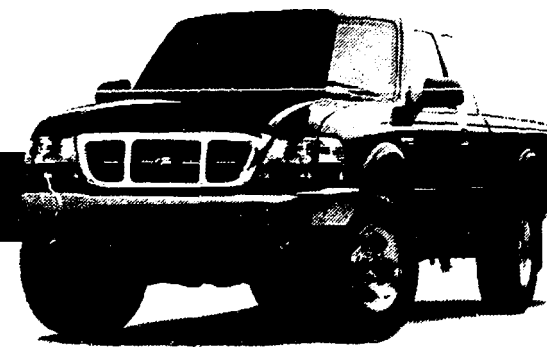
### New Year's Resolution #1: ADD MUSCLE.



**FREE**  
Mid-Week Lift Ticket  
with test drive. 


**2000 F-150  
XLT 4x4 SuperCab**

**3.9% APR for 36 months  
could save you over \$2,900\***



**2000 Ranger**

**\$1,000 Cash Back\***




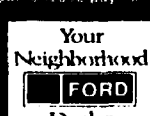
**2000 Explorer XLS 4x4**

**\$299 per month  
24 month Lease\***

\*NOT ALL LESSEES WILL QUALIFY FOR LOWEST PAYMENT. NOT ALL BUYERS WILL QUALIFY FOR LOWEST APR. SEE DEALER TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY. FOR COMPLETE EXPLORER LEASE INFORMATION, CALL 1-877-MICH-FORD. EXPLORER CASH DUE AT SIGNING: \$1,199.42 includes security deposit, excludes tax, title, and license fees. Some lease payments higher, some lower. F-150 3.9% Ford Credit APR for 36 months on 2000 F-150 4x4 XLT SuperCab. \$2,939.40 finance savings based on comparison of 3.9% APR for 36 months at \$29.48 per month per \$1,000 financed with \$0 down and average 9.95% APR. Actual savings may vary with amount financed, length of term and prevailing APR in your area.

Dealer participation may affect cash back and savings. Residency restrictions apply. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 1/16/2000.

Test Drive must be on Ranger, Explorer or F-150. Limit 2 vouchers per test drive.

www.michiganford.com

## New Year's Day Dining Delights

### New Year's Day Smorgasbord

*Saturday, January 1 • 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

**Adults - \$10.95 • Seniors - \$9.95**  
**Children 6-12 - \$6.95 • 5 & Under - 75¢ per year**

*Carved baked old fashioned bone in ham, a baron round of beef, omelets cooked to order, waffles and a toppings table to include syrups, nuts, whip cream and fruits, sliced roast turkey divan, baked cod loin finished with an elegant shrimp and lobster sauce, pork cutlets au vin (in red wine sauce), roasted red skin potatoes, red beans and rice (for good luck), unique and deliciously prepared original fiesta vegetable corn and carrots and peppers with pasta.*

.....

*Fresh fruit and cheese trays, vegetable and dip, gourmet tossed salad greens, variety of fresh toppings and dressings, smoked whitefish, deviled eggs, rolls, breads, muffins and assorted desserts.*



**2650 S. I-75 Bus. Lp.**  
**(517) 348-7611**  
**(800) 292-9055**

## North Central CMH

For North Central Community Mental Health (CMH), 1999 marked the first full year of a two-year "Specialized Services Contract" with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). The change to the current shared risk (managed care) contract has been positive. New clinical services were implemented and the agency built capacity not possible with the previous fee-for-service model.

North Central CMH and the six other Community Mental Health Services Programs that serve the 21 northern Michigan counties continued to build their affiliation, called Northern Mental Health Management. This affiliation was formed in response to the state's plan to change how public behavioral health services are managed by introducing competitive bidding and full risk contracting.

According to CEO Greg Paffhouse, "It is our goal to make the changes necessary to 'win the bid' in a way that maintains the current safety net, existing community benefit, and local control and accountability to the maximum degree possible."

He adds that member agencies are committed to providing good managed care that "is locally managed, consumer-driven, sensitive to local needs improves access, improves outcomes and controls cost... to provide the right service,

to the right person, at the right time."

To that end, the agency formed a consumer advisory council, named consumers to its board, and extensively surveyed consumers to ensure that service quality remains high and consumer expectations are met.

"Measuring and improving quality based upon outcome measures and consumer satisfaction has been a key focus. Most participants were positive and thankful for the quality of services and the genuine caring and concern of staff," says Paffhouse. "It's especially gratifying to receive this response from those we serve."

Also the agency underwent considerable examination of its policies and procedures via visitations by independent evaluators, to ensure that programs and services meet current state-of-the-art standards and are continually improving.

Programmatically, North Central CMH was praised for its home-based services, ACT, Club Cadillac, Day Programs, Personal Care Programs, Inpatient Programs, Respite, and Family Support, among others. Outside evaluators were especially complimentary about the agency's efforts to involve consumers in their treatment through "person-centered planning," which includes consumers in decision-making and



Valarie Bishop, MA, Chief Operating Officer (right) presents a certificate to Shirley M. Bendig, RN, who retired from NCCMH this year after 12 years of service.

fosters their individual strengths. In addition, NCC Industries named North Central CMH its "agency of the year."

With offices in Grayling, Houghton Lake and Cadillac, last year NCCMH served 2,368 people with severe/persistent mental illness and developmental disabilities and 1,094 people in crisis in Crawford, Wexford, Roscommon and Missaukee counties.

be open for tours by contacting the museum curator, Robert Ruddy at (517) 348-7333. Many school groups tour the complex throughout the year.

## Historical Society

The Crawford County Historical Society is a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving the history of Crawford County. These ongoing goals are met through the operation of the Crawford County Historical Complex, located at the west end of Michigan Avenue in downtown Grayling.

The complex consists of the former Michigan Central Depot (1882), which is accompanied by a railroad caboose; the Military Annex, one of the oldest buildings in Grayling and a onetime school, onetime Grayling Township Hall, and the first location of what is today the Crawford County Library; the Fire Barn, housing old and older fire fighting vehicles and equipment; The Barn, featuring memorabilia from the county's early farming history; and an authentic Trapper's Cabin, outfitted with early hunting and trapping displays.

The depot contains a variety of special interest displays. The ground floor relates the stories of the early railroad, lumbering, fishing on the AuSable River, and many prominent individuals and families, including Rasmus and Margrethe Hanson, and Chief David Shoppenagons.

The second floor is divided into many rooms, each depicting a different facet of the early days in Grayling. Included are an old time doctor's office, school room, saloon, and dry goods store. A special display of Fred Bear mem-

orabilia is also available for viewing. One room is dedicated to the unique local story of winter sports.

In addition to the museum complex operation, the historical society sponsors an annual "Heritage Day" celebration in late August. On Heritage Day craftsmen, in their finest period dress, show off their traditional skills as onlookers are swept back to a simpler but harder way of life. More than 300 visitors toured the complex and enjoyed the displays in 1999. The highlight of the day was the frequent appearance of the U.S. President and First Lady Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln. The Lincolns strolled the grounds greeting citizens and Mr. Lincoln inspired the crowd with his Inaugural and Gettysburg addresses.

The historical society has been an integral part of the local community since its founding in 1972, the year of the Grayling centennial celebration. All persons are invited to visit, and donations of local historical interest are always welcomed.

The museum complex was again open daily between Memorial Day and Labor Day. It is also open for special days and can

### Hope.



### There's Plenty To Go Around.

Wouldn't it be great if we went through life without any problems? Well, that's not the way things are. We all struggle. But there is a way to face whatever comes along with peace, and with confidence.

We're your neighbors, the people of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and we invite you to celebrate with us that special hope and peace that Christ alone can bring.



Mt. Hope Lutheran Church  
905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(517) 348-5921  
Sunday Services 8 & 10:30 a.m.

## COMPLETE AUTO DETAILING

Get your car, truck or van ready for winter!

Call for an appointment and we'll wash, wax, shampoo carpets, clean windows, vacuum trunk. As close to new as you'll ever get!!

Gift Certificates Available!



**JJ's Motor Mall**  
M-72 West (across from Skip's Sport Shop)  
**348-7710**

Your Hometown "Connection"  
For Fair Car Prices!!

## The Law Office of Monte J. Burmeister, PLLC

Emphasizing practice in:

- Divorce
- Custody
- Grandparent Visitation
- Drunk Driving
- Personal Injury
- Property Law
- Consumer Protection
- Wills

Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm

Extended Hours: Wednesday 5 pm to 8 pm & Saturday 9 am to 12 pm  
306 State St., P.O. Box 585, Grayling • 348-7114 • Fax 344-9199

Your Health Matters • Prescriptions for Healthy Living

## January is Health & Fitness Month

Did you know more than 60 million people (a third of the population) are overweight?

### Health & Fitness Self-check

- I make time for 30 minutes of continuous physical activity, three to five times a week.
- I am careful to keep my diet low in fat.
- I use alcohol in moderation.
- I do regular monthly self-exams such as those for the breast or prostate, and see my physician annually.

"Yes" answers indicate you're taking an active role in your health. If you or someone you know is interested in staying healthy and being physically fit, join one of these programs.

### Blood Pressure Screening Clinic

Free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings. Preregistration will be held in the lobby at Mercy Hospital Grayling.  
January 11, 2:30 - 5:30 pm

### Health Screenings

Take advantage of our health screenings, providing instant results and valuable information. Offered in conjunction with the "Good Health for Life" presentation (see description at right).

#### Health Screen #1: \$10

- Height/Weight
- Blood Pressure
- Health History Questionnaire
- Finger Poke Blood Draw

For total cholesterol and HDL cholesterol (nonfasting)

#### Health Screen #2: \$20

- Height/Weight
- Blood Pressure
- Full Health Risk Appraisal
- Finger Poke Blood Draw

For total cholesterol, blood sugar, HDL cholesterol and triglycerides (fasting for 12 hrs)

Call (517) 348-0708 for an appointment

**Mercy Prudenville Campus**  
January 13, 5:30 - 6:30 pm and 8 - 9 pm  
**Mercy Internal Medicine Campus**  
January 18, 5:30 - 6:30 pm and 8 - 9 pm  
**Mercy Roscommon Campus**  
January 19, 5:30 - 6:30 pm and 8 - 9 pm



### Good Health for Life

An opportunity to learn how you can achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Health care providers will discuss the key issues surrounding health maintenance such as preventive measures you can take to avoid specific health problems. Your health screening results will be available should you have any questions.

**Mercy Prudenville Campus**  
January 13, 6:30 - 8 pm  
presented by Sheri Davis, PA-C  
**Mercy Roscommon Campus**  
January 19, 6:30 - 8 pm  
presented by Jeff Fox, PA-C and Joey Malaban, PT

### Program Offerings in January

#### Grief Support Group

Offered by Mary Beth Dettling, bereavement and spiritual care coordinator for Mercy Amicare and Hospice.  
**St. Mary's Family Center - Grayling**  
January 6, 20, 3 - 5 pm  
**United Methodist Church - Houghton Lake**  
January 13, 3 - 5 pm

#### Diabetes Support Group

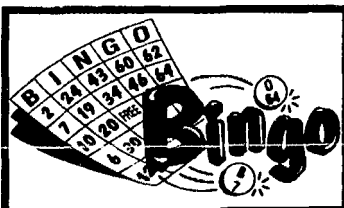
A health care professional will guide you through discussion and coping strategies. There is no cost to attend.  
Call (517) 348-0455 to preregister  
**Mercy Prudenville Campus**  
January 6, 1 - 2 pm  
**Mercy Roscommon Campus**  
January 13, 1 - 2 pm

For more information call  
(517) 348-0708



MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING

Partnering with MUNSON HEALTHCARE



Sunday - 1:30 pm

**Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465**  
Eagles Club, 602 Huron  
Grayling

Wednesday - 6:30 pm

**Knights of Columbus**  
K of C Hall, 604 Norway  
Grayling

Thursday - 6:30 pm

**American Legion Hall**  
Post 106 - Grayling

Friday - 6:30 pm

**Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465**  
Eagles Club, 602 Huron  
Grayling



## Multipurpose Trails Committee

Multipurpose, non-motorized trails and pathways joining destinations and points-of-interest throughout the county are nearly non-existent, but will soon be springing up due to the hard work of a committee of dedicated leaders. The groundwork was laid for an extensive network of trails in 1999.

A coalition of concerned private citizens, service organizations, local and state governments, schools, and businesses have been working for more than a year to make the dream a reality.

The core group, a sub-committee of the Crawford County Parks and Recreation Committee, achieved its first success when, in May, it was named a recipient of a Michigan Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant of \$594,000 to construct a path leading from Hanson Hills Recreation Area to M-72, and another leading from the M-72/I-75 Business Loop intersection to

Grayling High School.

Additionally, the grant will fund engineering plans for a future continuation path leading from the high school to Hartwick Pines State Park.

The sub-committee members spent hundreds of hours determining the needs of the local public, and the needs of future visitors in the program of recreational and alternative transportation pathways. Each step was documented and a master plan was developed and adopted by the County Board of Commissioners.

The grant application that went to MDOT was a professionally designed, written, and printed document. Many follow-up meetings with MDOT representatives were held to keep the Crawford County project in the forefront of their minds.

The competition for grant money was very stiff, but when the dollars were granted, only one other grant in northern Michigan

was larger. One determining factor in the favor of the Crawford County grant was the wholehearted cooperation of the community and the large sums of money which were pledged as matching funds.

Time and again, sub-committee members were told that MDOT officials look very favorably on community support and matching funds.

More recently, members of the sub-committee completed and submitted a second enhancement grant application. A third application will be submitted next year, and a fourth the following year.

The final goal of the group is to link destinations and points of interest from Frederic and Hartwick Pines State Park in the north to Higgins Lake State Park in the south, and from the former Rayburn property in the east to the Lake Margrethe State Forest Campground and Camp Grayling in the west.

## R.O.O.C., Inc.

R.O.O.C., Inc. is a community rehabilitation organization governed by the C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District Board of Education. The letters in our name represent the counties we typically provide services in: Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon. R.O.O.C.'s mission is to ensure all individuals with disabilities receive comprehensive, efficient, and integrated community employment choices and services that maximize individual independence.

In an effort to continue to enhance and prioritize community employment services, 70 percent of all R.O.O.C. staff participated in an intensive one-week professional development activity entitled Employment Training Specialist (ETS) training through Michigan State University. Each individual received certification in this area through MSU. We plan to train the remaining staff in the year 2000.

In June, R.O.O.C. applied for a grant from the Michigan Department of Career Development/Rehabilitation Services to provide additional employment opportunities within our communities. The grant was written in association with North

Central Community Mental Health, the C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District, and Michigan Rehabilitation Services. The grant was awarded and services were initiated on October 1. The period of the grant extends from October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000.

Following a successful accreditation survey by CARF The Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission in 1998, Greg Bush, Executive Director of R.O.O.C., was invited to be trained as a surveyor for CARF. Bush attended the surveyor training in August 1999, in Tucson, Arizona and joined the cadre of 1,000 CARF surveyors in the United States, Canada, and Sweden.

The week of October 10-16 marked Investing in Ability Week (IAW). IAW began in Michigan in 1998 as a means of making employers aware of the skills that individuals with disabilities possess, and that employment of these individuals makes good business sense.

During this week, R.O.O.C. conducted a donut drive. Literally, staff and consumers drove to each business actively involved with the community employment services program and presented them a dozen

donuts in recognition of their support.

At the close of each year, R.O.O.C. via the C.O.O.R. ISD Board of Education, selects an individual to receive the Ralph Sperry Memorial Award. This award is given to an individual for his commitment in working with, supporting, and/or promoting the community integration of individuals with disabilities. For 1999, Dean Smith of the Holiday Inn of Grayling was selected as the recipient of the award. Smith has provided employment opportunities to individuals with developmental disabilities for several years.

Over the course of the year, R.O.O.C., in partnership with many local employers placed and maintained several individuals in various jobs either directly for the employers or through contract with R.O.O.C.

R.O.O.C. would like to extend its appreciation to the many Grayling area businesses, past and present, that have provided employment opportunities and invested in the abilities of the citizens of our community. For more information regarding this program please contact us at (517) 275-9534.

## Maple Forest Township

For Maple Forest Township 1999 was a year for completing a two-phase construction project.

Phase I consisted of a township addition to house office space, office hours, and serve as a central location for all township records.

Phase II involved the purchase of additional land for the expansion of the existing parking lot. This project added a retaining wall, a second driveway, and asphalt.

The completion of this two-

phase project was made possible by the Impact Fee imposed on Waste Management's landfill.

Please feel free to stop by and take a look at the township's added features.



Results of Maple Forest Township's two-phase construction project.

## LEGAL ACTION

### FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory L. Welser to Old Kent Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 1998 and recorded on March 30, 1998, Crawford County Record, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Nine and Eleven Cents (\$40,629.11) including interest at 9.25% per annum until maturity and 11.25% after maturity.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan on January 19, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the lobby.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and are described as follows:

PARCEL "C": Part of the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as:

Beginning at a point located distant N 01 degrees 17' E, along the West line of said Section 23 a distance of 1649.00 feet, and S 89 degrees 09' 37" E 998.31 feet from the SW corner of said Section 23, thence continuing S 89 degrees 09' 37" E 332.78 feet,

thence S 01 degrees 28' 17" 329.96 feet, thence N 89 degrees 09' 11" W 332.50 feet, thence N 01 degrees 25' 55" E 329.92 feet to the Point of Beginning. Along with the right of and subject to a 66 feet wide easement for ingress and egress and public utilities over that part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Centerline of said easement described as Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 23 distant North 01 degrees 17' minutes East along said West line 1649 feet from the SW corner of said Section 23; thence South 89 degrees 09' minutes 37' seconds East, 1331.09 feet to the point of ending. Also a 66 foot easement for ingress and egress and public utilities over the South 66 feet of Lot 9 "Janice Manor" Subdivision (recorded in L-3, P-22B) Crawford Co. Records and the extension of North line of said easement. S 89 degrees 03' E, 66 feet; thence S 01 degrees 17' W, 155.80 feet; thence N 89 degrees 09' 37" W 66 feet to the East line of said "Janice Manor"; thence N 01 degrees 17' E along said East subdivision line 155.80 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 1999  
OLD KENT BANK

For information, please call:  
1-517-732-7536  
Daniel J. Bebbie (P51257)  
Bensinger, Cotant, Menkes & Aardema,

P.C.  
Attorneys for Old Kent Bank  
P.O. Box 1000  
Grayling, MI 49735

-30-6-13-20

### FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linda Christian Searles, single (original mortgagor) to Advanta National Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 17, 1998, and recorded on February 27, 1998, in Liber 448 Page 73, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Bankers Trust Company of California N.A. as Custodian or Trustee, Assignee, by an assignment dated, which was recorded on December 9, 1999 in Liber 497, on Page 365, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-ONE AND 85/100 DOLLARS (\$14,891.85) including interest at 11.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on February 2, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan

described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 29; thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes West along the East and West 1/4 line, 1054.4 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 31 minutes West, 150.00 feet to a point South 89 degrees 31 minutes East, 110.0 feet from 1/8 corner; thence North 0 degrees 13 minutes East, 887.2 feet to a point on the bank of the AuSable River; thence North 48 degrees 12 minutes East along said bank, 180.0 feet; thence South 27 degrees 19 minutes East, 344.0 feet; thence South 62 degrees 57 minutes West, 91.3 feet; thence South 5 degrees 32 minutes West, 664.8 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 23, 1999  
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

248-593-1301  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 990910666  
Cougars

-23-30-6-13-20

### NOTICE OF PATENT LAND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND HAS BEEN DULY PATENTED:

Comm. at Inter of N ly Row of M-93 and E. Line of Sect 15; th N on E Line 200 Ft. th SW ly 197.8 ft; th SE ly 200 ft m/l to N ly Row of M-93; th NE ly on M-93 130 ft m/l to POB.

Anyone have a legal claim on the above described land must make this claim within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice, or forever preclude you from making any claim upon in "Patented land."

-23-30-6-13

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, January 6, 2000, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648 for the following item:

**FOR TWO OR MORE TANDEM AXLE TRUCKS 55,000# GVWR**

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "Tandem Axle Truck Bid". The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to withhold any and all trade-in options of the Road Commission and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford Road Commissioners

Ray Swiercz, Chairman  
Bob Nelson, Vice-Chairman  
Thomas E. Perry, Commissioner

-16-23-30

### POSITION OPENING CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are accepting applications for an open position with the Crawford County Library Board. Members of this board set policy and procedures for boards governance and general operation within the local library. Applicants must be 18 years of age, a Crawford County resident, have familiarity with parliamentary rules and procedures and the general knowledge of library functions within Crawford County. Deadline to submit applications is Friday, January 7, 2000 at 4:00 pm applications may be sought from Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds  
12/16/1999

-30-6

## Red Cross

The American Red Cross Northern Lower Michigan Chapter was formed in February of 1997. The Northern Lower Michigan Chapter consists of 12 counties, providing Red Cross services to those residents in need.

The 12 counties include: Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Roscommon, Oscoda, Presque Isle, and Roscommon.

The Chapter is broken into three Service Centers, which over-

see services in four counties each. Crawford, along with Otsego, Oscoda, and Roscommon counties, are serviced by the Gaylord Service Center.

Crawford County has experienced many exciting changes and events within its last year, as well as the loss of a long time Red Cross member:

• Red Cross Disaster Assistance was given to numerous families during the year. 1998 ended with a multi-car pile-up, which necessitated the Chapter opening a shelter for the survivors of the ordeal. The Red Cross responded to numerous fire calls, providing food and beverages to local fire fighters. Additionally, 15 residents of the county were assisted in the form of food, clothing and shelter due to their homes being ravaged by fire.

• Health and Education grew to a total of 27 CPR and First Aid classes offered, and 322 certificates were issued to individuals that will be prepared to respond in case of emergency.

• The Red Cross received 22 cases for Armed Forces Emergency Services. These emergency military communications provide the link between family members and their loved ones in

the Armed Forces. Factual information is gathered and passed to the military, such as notification of illness, death, birth, or health and welfare for the military's determination of leave, etc.

• On a sad note, 1999 marked the loss of a long time Red Cross volunteer. Harrison Goodhue was a name that was synonymous with the Red Cross for so many years. His dedication and support will be greatly missed.

• Several new volunteers have joined the Red Cross in Crawford County. They serve in all capacities of the Red Cross mission, including volunteer office staff. The local office is located at 2370 S. I-75 Business Loop in Grayling, and is now open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The goal is to staff the office Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Additional volunteers are being sought for all services.

Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (517) 732-7161 if you have a few extra hours you can spare to help others, "when help can't wait."

Please stop by the Grayling office to meet the staff, volunteer, contribute financial donations, or call (517) 348-9745 for assistance. If you need us, "We'll be there!"

## Rotary Club

The Grayling Rotary Club has been serving the citizens of Crawford County for more than 25 years.

We currently have 60-plus members active in the club, which meets for lunch on Wednesday at Patti's Towne House in Grayling.

The club members work together to raise money, and then use those funds to support a variety of projects in the county. Some Rotary fund raising projects include a Chicken Bar-B-Que dinner served on the day of the canoe race, an annual July golf outing, yearly garage sales, and always a big hit: the minstrel show, which usually takes place every other year (or when the chairman decides it's time).

Rotary calendars are always popular at the end of the year and other events are held as needed.

The Rotary Club provided money to numerous local groups and organizations this fiscal year, including: Grayling Booster Club, Crawford County Sheriff Junior Deputy program, GPA Parade, Special Olympics, Mercy Hospital, Grayling Youth Wrestling, Crawford County Day Care Center,

Roscommon Rotary Club, Christian Help Center, Frederic Elementary School, Habitat for Humanity, Band Boosters, Grayling Recreation Authority, scholarships, Project Graduation, Grayling Little League, Grayling Middle School, Boys State, and Girls State, among others.

**We Can  
Save You  
Money**

When you insure both your home & car with us, we'll save you money with our special multi-policy discount.

Call Jansen Insurance Agency today.

**JANSEN**  
AGENCY & ASSOC., INC.  
PO Box 472, 2370 S. I-75 Bus. Loop,  
Grayling, Michigan  
348-6711  
Hastings Mutual Insurance Company



# FOOTBALL CONTEST 1999-00

**WEEK**  
**# 17**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: Advertiser MUST be written in next to team or slip will be VOID!!**

Winner	Advertiser	Winner	Advertiser	Winner	Advertiser
Game 1	_____	Game 8	_____	Game 15	_____
Game 2	_____	Game 9	_____	Game 16	_____
Game 3	_____	Game 10	_____	Game 17	_____
Game 4	_____	Game 11	_____	Game 18	_____
Game 5	_____	Game 12	_____	Game 19	_____
Game 6	_____	Game 13	_____	Game 20	_____
Game 7	_____	Game 14	_____		
Tiebreaker 1 game #1	_____	Tiebreaker 2 game #9	_____	Tiebreaker 3 game #20	_____

## Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

### WEEKLY PRIZES

- Sports Cap--Scheer Motors
- Mystery Gift--Sylvester's
- \$10 Gift Cert.--Grayling Glen's
- \$10 Gift Cert.--Abel Auto Parts
- FREE 20lb. Propane Cylinder Fill-Up --Fick & Sons
- \$50 Gift Cert. --Continental Rental & Sales
- One free lunch, a \$8.95 value --Grayling Holiday Inn
- Free lube, oil and filter
- Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury, Inc.
- \$50--Crawford County Avalanche
- \$10 Gift Cert.--Riverland Gear
- \$5 Gift Cert. good on a 10" or 14" pizza --Buccilli's Pizza
- \$25 Gift Cert.--Comfort Center
- One House Specialty Burrito, a \$6.95 value -- Gray Rock
- Free Single Combo Meal --Wendy's
- 3 FREE Games -- American Legion

### Week #16 Winning Games

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Denver (24)    | 11. Seattle     |
| 2. New Orleans    | 12. San Diego   |
| 3. Buffalo        | 13. Tampa Bay   |
| 4. Minnesota      | 14. Washington  |
| 5. Tennessee      | 15. NY Jets     |
| 6. St. Louis      | 16. Wake Forest |
| 7. Indianapolis   | 17. Hawaii      |
| 8. Atlanta        | 18. Marshall    |
| 9. Baltimore (22) | 19. New Orleans |
| 10. Pittsburgh    | 20. Denver (24) |

## Week #16 Football Contest Winner Lois Jean Davis

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

- Won with 12 correct with first tiebreaker (42)
- 88 Entries

1.) Detroit vs Minnesota

**3 Stores in One!**

**RIVERLAND**

122 Mich. Ave. • Grayling  
517-344-0047

6.) New Orleans vs Carolina

Ask me about the new 2000 cars, trucks and vans or close-out specials on all remaining 1999 models!

**DON NESTER**

**John Herrick**

Located on M-76 N., Roscommon  
1-517-275-5105

11.) NY Giants vs Dallas

**ABEL AUTO PARTS**

- New & Used Parts Available • We Buy Wrecked Vehicles
- Best Prices In The North! • Late Model Repairables
- Country Wide Locator Service Available
- Lowest Prices On Gas Tanks & Radiators

Open Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm  
Located at 8255 Old 27 North, Frederic  
517-348-2864 • 1-800-848-4507 • Larry Myas

16.) Georgia vs Purdue

**Sylvester's Sports**

- Silk Screening
- Glass Etching
- Engraving • Trophies
- Vinyl Letters • Embroidery
- Banners • Awards • Flags

Larry Raymond  
5610 M-72 W., Grayling  
517-348-9097

2.) Arizona vs Green Bay

**BIG SCREEN TV**

**Gray-Rock CAFE**

- Drink Specials
- Munchie Bar

Food & Spirits

OPEN AT 7:00 AM • 7 DAYS A WEEK  
2123 Industrial Dr., Grayling • 517-348-5181

7.) Oakland vs Kansas City

**COMFORT CENTER**

**FREE DELIVERY**

Grayling • M-72 West • 348-2961  
Prudenville • M-55 & M-18 South  
517-366-3808

12.) Tennessee vs Pittsburgh

**FICK & SONS**

PROPANE SERVICE

113 Fig St., Grayling  
517-348-7647

17.) Texas vs Arkansas

For service after the sale see **Cliff Wheeler**

**GM SCHEER MOTORS**

US-27 North, Grayling  
517-348-5451

3.) Baltimore vs New England

**Hart**

Pontiac GMC Buick

TIM HART BILL HART

1-800-341-HART

8.) St. Louis vs Philadelphia

Try your luck, buy your lotto tickets here...

**Glen's**

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

13.) Miami vs Washington

**Alpine carpet**

Come in today & save! Lowest prices ever!

Celebrating over 25 years in business!

Just off I-75, Exit 270, Waters, MI  
517-732-1759 • 1-800-800-5791

18.) Nebraska vs Tennessee

Join us for football in the **Speak Easy Saloon!**

Football on the Big Screen Sundays & Mondays  
Drink Specials Available

**Holiday Inn**

4.) Cincinnati vs Jacksonville

**American Legion Lounge & Lanes**

Join us and watch the games on our big screen TV

106 James Street  
348-7232

9.) Seattle vs NY Jets

**Wendy's**

The best hamburgers and a whole lot more.™

2141 S. I-75 BUS. LP. • GRAYLING

14.) San Diego vs Denver

Guaranteed lowest prices on all new Ford's & Mercury's.

Largest selection of used cars & trucks in the North!

**SCOTT McNAMARA FORD-MERCURY, INC.**

M-18 • Roscommon, I-75 Business Loop  
(517) 275-8922 fax (517) 275-4643

19.) MSU vs Florida

**FARM BUREAU INSURANCE**

Paul Wilson  
204 Ionia, Grayling  
344-2500  
www.farmbureauinsurance-mi.com

5.) Indianapolis vs Buffalo

**CRAIG HINKLE**

RE/MAX OF GRAYLING

IMMACULATE TRI-LEVEL IN CLOUGH'S HIGHLAND ACRES. Ideal family home! 1,640 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, only 2 blocks from city limits. Triple level lot, natural gas, cyclone fenced property and double asphalt drives. Hardwood floors, central air conditioning, sunroom in basement, sprinkling system (quartz), security system, 12x16 garden building, covered porch, includes all window treatments. \$99,500 CH-976

5728 M-72 W., Grayling • 348-7440

10.) Tampa Bay vs Chicago

**GM SCHEER MOTORS**

U.S. 27 North, Grayling  
517-348-5451

15.) Stanford vs Wisconsin

**Continental**

The Clear Leader in Rentals/Purchases

2404 S. I-75 Business Loop • Grayling  
348-2499

20.) U of M vs Alabama

**Buccilli's PIZZA**

Deliveries Starting At 11 am  
517-348-4044

# FEATURES

## HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of January 2-8

### Aries March 21-April 20

You made a new year's resolution to get in better shape. Visit the gym before you go back on your vow, and join a group or class to help you. Whether it's losing weight or just shaping up, you cannot do it without a professional's help.

### Taurus April 21-May 21

Take time to call a family member midweek. He/she felt left out at some of the holiday celebrations and is still feeling low. It's up to you to be the family peacemaker and work things out. You may be in for a big surprise at work later this week.

### Gemini May 22-June 21

The new year means a new chance for a relationship that's struggling along. First and foremost, you need to commit yourself to devoting more time to the other person. He/she has to come before work and family for once.

### Cancer June 22-July 22

This might just be the week to spend those gift certificates you received as holiday gifts. A little could go a long way with the right shopping attitude. A coworker may be depending a little too much on your advice. Watch what you say.

### Leo July 23-August 23

You may experience difficulty dealing with a person in authority this week. Take a step back. It is important you don't let the problem grow into a confrontation, which could freeze a promotion or hinder progress you've made.

### Virgo August 24-September 22

Let the answering machine screen your calls early this week. Someone you don't really want to talk to might get the urge to call. A "friend" may approach you about a "sure thing" investment. It may not be all it seems. So stay clear of it.

### Libra

September 23-October 23

It's time to take steps to get rid of a bad habit. Whether it's going overboard on shopping, drinking or gambling, you need to break the habit. For you, that could mean staying away from the group of people you have been socializing with.

### Scorpio

October 24-November 22

Don't buy into a story going around work this week. What you are hearing may seem to be true, but most likely, it's way off the mark. Don't get caught in the middle of warring factions, which could only create problems for you.

### Sagittarius

November 23-December 21

Look to an old and trusted friend for some solutions to problems that have cropped up. Your family is feeling a little neglected. After all, you spent most of the holidays with friends. Maybe you should spend some time with the family.

### Capricorn

December 22-January 20

An old friend may sail into town this week. Whatever you do, don't buy into your friend's new positive attitude. It may be covering up a deep-seated problem. Talk to your partner about the minor problems cropping up in your relationship.

### Aquarius

January 21-February 18

This is the perfect week to take a more active approach to solving a problem. It's been dragging on way too long. The worst thing is your worrying—it is starting to play havoc on some of your long-standing relationships.

### Pisces

February 19-March 20

Try to put a positive spin on a family problem. Others may follow your example, and you may end up solving the problem inadvertently. Vehicle maintenance hasn't been high on your list of priorities. Take care of it now.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Drink Ideas

#### Hot Cocoa

1 cup vitamite  
1 heaping tsp. sugar  
1 rounded tsp. cocoa

Combine ingredients in cup or mug; fill with boiling water and stir.  
1 serving

#### Eggnog

2 cups vitamite  
2 egg whites  
2 tsp. vanilla  
1 tsp. rum extract  
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg  
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1 tbps. sugar  
1/2 cup crushed ice



### ground nutmeg for garnish

Combine first 8 ingredients in blender and blend until smooth and frothy. Sprinkle with nutmeg and serve.  
2 to 4 servings

#### Orange Smoothie

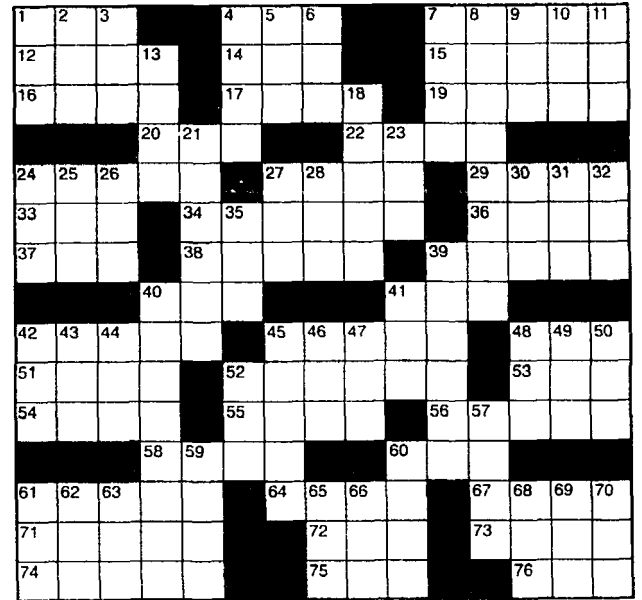
1 cup vitamite  
1 cup water  
1 can (8 oz.) frozen orange juice  
2 eggs  
1/3 cup sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
12 ice cubes

Blend all ingredients until smooth.  
2 to 3 servings



**HOME NEEDED** - Black female Shepherd, 1 year old and is housebroken. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 11th mo.: abbr.
- Kith's Partner
- Caprices
- Dish of many ingredients
- snail's pace (2 wds.)
- Uncanny
- Raise children
- Three make up a tbps.
- Sound from Mary's pet
- Sheep
- Will-o'-the-...
- Like smiling eyes
- Very sharp
- Hasty flights
- Shallow skillet
- It might be hidden
- Exile isle
- Dollar bill
- Thrust forward
- Chinese, e.g.
- Chained item in a bank
- Cookie, to Alexander
- Derides
- Surmise
- Cherry seed
- One of "The Three Sisters"
- Symbol
- Shakespearean confusion
- Blemish
- Suggestive
- Provide money for
- Biting flavor

### DOWN

- Trygve Lie's homeland: abbr.
- Flamenco shout
- Travel term
- Porter's "Kiss Me" girl
- "Baby, ... Cold Outside"
- Siesta
- Donald's toe connectors
- Without defenses
- High dudgeon
- Mamma ...!
- Raw metals
- Stockholmer
- Minke and sei, e.g.
- Once ... blue moon (2 wds.)
- Jima, Japan
- Director Howard
- Between Harry and Jack
- Author Follett
- RAF's land
- Preflight poet
- Business deg.
- Antonio
- Smith and Wesson, e.g.
- Aviators
- Babbles
- Detect
- Employment
- Architect's addition
- Id's companion
- Spin doctor's concern
- Network founded in 1926
- Emulate Lindbergh
- Brillo unit
- Altar affirmation
- Comic book sound effect
- Seabird
- ... of the woods (vicinity)
- Film canine
- Western alliance: abbr.
- Heavenly body
- Pod veggie
- My Sons (Miller)
- Prize-fight term: abbr.
- Plating substance
- Amperand's meaning
- Olden car
- Part of R&R, for short

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago December 30, 1976

A 44¢ wage and benefit package was announced today for Bear Archery hourly employees by Robert F. Kelly, Executive Vice President. This marks the 28th straight year that Bear has announced wage and benefit package increases. Bear Archery employees continue to be the leader in wage and fringe benefits in the archery industry and remain among the highest wage rates in the northern Lower Peninsula.

Michael Delp, a teacher in alternative education at Grayling High School was one of several Michigan poets who were published in a volume entitled "The Third Coast" a volume of contemporary Michigan poetry, printed by Wayne State University Press. Delp is associate editor of "Skywriting" magazine.

Santa is alive and well. He came to Crawford County to help make a Christmas possible for the families of Local 1903 from Bear Archery who have been on strike since April 24. Thanks to U.A.W. members across the state food and gifts were provided for each family.

Among those receiving law degrees at the winter commencement of Wayne State University was John G. Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence "Bud" Hunter of Grayling.

The number of residents in Grayling Township was found to be 4,308 according to a special census recently completed.

### 46 Years Ago December 31, 1953

Vern McCall, 51, of Lyon Manor lost his life Christmas Eve as the result of an automobile collision. The crash occurred on US-27 at the Five Mile Corner, south of Grayling about 10:30 p.m. He rear-ended the

car in front of him. Dr. L. F. Hayes of Grayling happened by the scene while Sheriff John A. Papendick was investigating and took Mr. McCall to Grayling Mercy Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Carlson of the Soo paid the former's parents, City Manager and Mrs. Russell Carlson a pre-Christmas visit, for a few days, spending the holiday in St. Louis with the latter's parents. Bruce is on vacation from the Houghton School of Mining.

Robert Horning, A.D.A.N., who is serving with a patrol squadron in the Navy at Brunswick, Maine, returned Sunday to his post after spending a leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Horning.

Jack Alef made a flying trip to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Alef of Grosse Pointe on Christmas Day.

Dr. J. F. Cook, Willard Cornell, Grant Thompson and Lyle Billis attended the Lions-Browns football game in Detroit Sunday.

Sue Ann Stephan, age nine, is carrying her left arm in a sling. The little girl accidentally broke her arm below the elbow when she jumped from a swing, while playing at the Feldhauser school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephan.

At the headquarters in London, England of Vice Admiral Jerauld Wright, U.S.N., Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean for Christmas is William W. Nichols, chief yeoman, U.S.N., son of W. E. Nichols of Grayling.

### 69 Years Ago

January 1, 1931

Word has been received of the death of Arthur Brink, formerly of Grayling, at Everett, Washington, on Christmas Day. He was the son of

William F. and Martha M. Brink. His widow, who is the former Cecelia Dyer and four children survive.

Gerald Herrick had his tonsils removed at Mercy Hospital Monday, also Principal LaVere Cushman underwent a similar operation.

Born to Mrs. Laura Welch, a daughter, Delores Darline on December 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Smith entertained a number of their friends at a dancing party Saturday evening.

Miss Husted of Lovells who teaches at the Kellogg school, gave her pupils a chicken dinner as a Christmas treat.

### 92 Years Ago January 2, 1908

E. S. Houghton of Lovells slipped while loading poles and has been limping a few days since. It is hard to lay Ed up.

The planing mill started up again Monday morning.

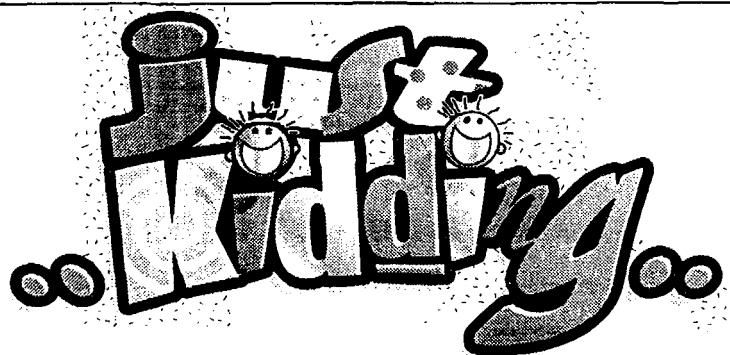
Our thaw of last week caught cold Saturday and over six inches of snow fell before morning.

Harry Pond and family have moved to Wolverine, where he has a R.R. job on the branch.

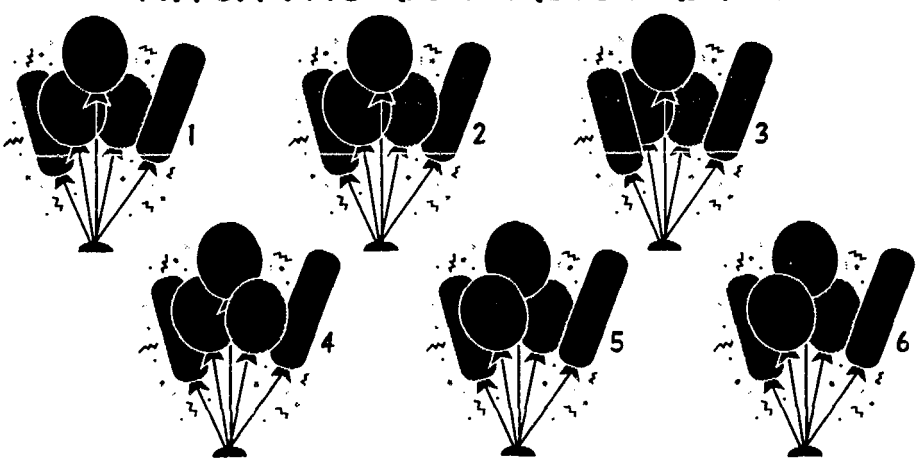
Sheriff Amidon took Henry Rogers took the Detroit House of Correction. He was sent up for 60 days by Justice Niederer for larceny.

Charles Howland is completing the cement floors in the Opera House basement this week and F. R. Deckrow is nearly through with the plumbing, so the new heating outfit will soon give comfort to all.

William B. Mershon of Saginaw, a member of the state forestry commission, has just ordered 5,000 basswood seedlings from a nursery to be set out in the spring on the reserve he and others have established along the AuSable River. These seedlings are in addition to the large orders placed for white and Norway pine seedlings.



## FIND THE TWINS WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER: FIVE AND SIX

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground
12/21	13	6		3"
12/22	13	5		3"
12/23	13	-6		3"
12/24	19	-6	1"	4"
12/25	33	12	3"	6"
12/26	21	15	2"	7"
12/27	17	0	1"	7"
Season Total 14"				

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord:  
Wednesday - mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of snow, and a high around 30.  
Thursday - mixed snow and rain, with a low of 25 - 30, and a high of 30 - 35.  
Friday - chance of snow showers, with a low around 20, and a high of 25 - 30.  
Saturday - snow showers, with a low around 10, and a high of 20 - 25.



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$5.75 per column inch  
 Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday  
 Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:  
[www.townnews.com/avalanche/](http://www.townnews.com/avalanche/)  
 Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** [www.century21grayling.com](http://www.century21grayling.com) (1/7/99tf/1)

**I BUY HOUSE** and land contracts. Pay cash. Quick closings. Are you facing foreclosure? Divorce? Leaving the area? Don't ruin your credit. Call Peninsula Funding 1-800-641-1717. (3/11/99tf/1)

**FOR SALE BY OWNER**  
 Beautiful custom built home at 106 Kings Court in Grayling Township. Four bedrooms, city gas. 24 x 28 workshop. 2.3 acres. \$164,000 Call 317-849-2523 evenings for information. (-30-6-13-20/1)

**TWO BEDROOM HOME** nestled in the pines, Frederic location, two lots, fireplace, hardwood floors, basement, nice area. \$31,000 801-568-0787 (-2-9-16-23-30/1)

**LOT FOR SALE** 3/4 acres Grayling Estates or build to suit. License Builder. 517-348-5372 after 6 p.m. (-9-16-23-30/1)

**TWO-THREE BEDROOM** 1,500 square foot, family room-one car garage. \$57,000 By appointment. 517-348-7355 (12/9/99tf/1)

**AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES**  
 Building sites starting at \$7,000. Spec log home with loft. Well, septic, electric service. \$49,000 Near river and state land. 517-348-7355 (12/9/99tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**THREE BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH**  
 1250 sq. ft. home built in 1999. Two car attached, two plus acres. 517-348-4840 (-16-23-30-6/1)

### 2. For Rent

**MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS** your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$18,900 for two person household. Rent based on 30% of gross monthly income. Barrier free unit available. Call Rose 517-344-2611 or Mary Ann 906-932-5500 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. (9/16/99tf/2)

**CABIN FOR RENT** Sleeps four, call 517-348-8350. (10/14/99tf/2)

**FOR ALL YOUR PRINTING NEEDS!** If you need Business Cards, Letterhead, Envelopes, Brochures, etc.. Come see us at the Crawford County Avalanche. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling. Or call us at (517) 348-6811.

**DOWNTOWN BUILDING FOR RENT** 227 Michigan Avenue. Approximately 4,000 square feet. Excellent business opportunity. Inquiries call 517-344-2222. (9/23/99tf/2)

**LAKEFRONT HOME FOR RENT** year round, two bedroom, two bath. \$600 month plus utilities. 517-348-8953 (-30-6/2)

### 2. For Rent

**THREE BEDROOM, ONE BATH** with garage and workshop in town, two blocks from schools. No pets or smoking. \$450 per month plus \$450 security deposit, due before move in. Need references. 517-348-6141 (-16-23-30-6/2)

**THREE BEDROOM HOME** on Golfview Drive, Cable TV, stove and refrigerator furnished. Section 8 accepted, senior and two person discount, available now. \$550 per month. Also, late model 14 x 70 mobile home, three bedroom. Natural gas heat, Cable TV. Located in GME \$485 Section 8 accepted, single and senior citizen discount. Call Ron at 517-348-6761. (12/9/99tf/2)

**ADVERTISING DEADLINES:**  
**Regular Display** - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday. All others 5 p.m. Friday.  
**Classified Display** - 12 noon Monday.  
**Classified by the word** - 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication.

**LAKE MARGRETHE NEW** three bedroom, two bath home. \$550 per month plus utilities. References and security deposit required. Non smoking, no pets only, call 517-344-1800. (12/9/99tf/2)

**REAL NICE THREE BEDROOM** mobile next to state land, well insulated. Call 231-258-1353. (-23-30-6-13/2)

### 1. Real Estate



**CHARLENE SCHEER**  
 Broker / Owner  
 Valuation Specialist  
 CRB, GRI, CRS, ABR

Assistant to Charlene Scheer  
 Bryan Stoutenburg

## RE/MAX<sup>®</sup> OF GRAYLING

EACH OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY OWNED & OPERATED



**CRAIG HINKLE**  
 Broker/Owner  
 State Licensed Appraiser

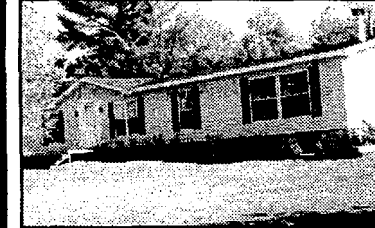
Kelly Stockwell  
 Licensed Assistant



**29.4 ACRES / 1,770' ON KOLKA CREEK.** Sportsman's Paradise. Total seclusion on 29 plus acres with 1,770' frontage on Kolka Creek. 2 story retreat with walkout basement. 3 car attached garage, plus 30x40 pole barn. 3 master bedroom suites upstairs with private bathrooms. Cathedral ceilings in living room, family room and dining room. In floor radiant heat in kitchen and garage. Many possibilities!! \$299,000 CH-1074



**NICE HOME IN THE CITY!** New vinyl siding & roof. 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,300 sq. ft. with natural gas heat, new gas log fireplace in family room. Formal dining room, fresh paint throughout. Partial basement, 1 1/2 car attached garage. Fenced in yard, walkout patio door onto large deck with bench seating. Immediate occupancy. Close to hospital, schools and shopping. Reduced \$66,500 CH-837



**2.5 ACRES FRONTING MAY LAKE.** Private lakefront setting. 2.5 acres of natural landscaping, lawn, gardens, fieldstone retaining walls. 1,716 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, skylights, stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer. 24x40 heated and insulated garage. Master bedroom suite, fireplace with glass doors. Irrigation pump for lawn and gardens. 8x16 storage building, dog kennel. Excellent fishing lake for bluegills and perch. \$125,000 CH-1065



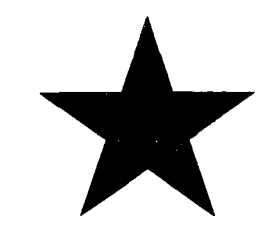
**PANORAMIC VIEW OF MANISTEE RIVER WITH 150' OF FRONTAGE.** This 3 bedroom home, 2 baths, partial basement, extensive leisure deck, balcony off the master suite and a gazebo for an afternoon in the sunshine all situated on 1.96 acres. Complementing the surroundings is a California driftwood fireplace. Cedar Ceilings throughout. Interest in 20 acre park. \$154,000 CS-984



**Above the Crowd!**

\*Based on publicly available information and on an audit by Author Andersen of 1997 RE/MAX residential real estate transaction sides in North America only.

**RE/MAX. THE REAL ESTATE LEADERS™**  
 ASSISTING MORE BUYERS AND SELLERS THAN ANY OTHER REAL ESTATE NETWORK.  
 (MORE THAN 1 MILLION TRANSACTIONS SIDES IN THE LAST YEAR.)\*



**100' OF BEAUTIFUL LAKE MARGRETHE. THIS 2 STORY CONTEMPORARY CREATES VISUAL EXCITEMENT.** A huge foyer says, "Come in!" Spacious living room has multi-paned windows and fireplace. Company coming? Display this formal dining room. Efficiently designed kitchen with ample storage and counter space. Master bedroom, has 2 separate dressing areas, 2 walk in closets, whirlpool tub and private oak sundeck. Reduced \$395,000 CS-993



**SECLUDED WATERFRONT ACREAGE** on both Bradford Creek and Beaver Lake. 10 acres with 800' frontage, 2,014 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, fireplace, hot tub, tanning bed, all appliances, 30'x40' garage, seller will divide: home 6.5 acres on 517' frontage. \$119,500 Adjoining 3.5 acres with 305' frontage \$29,000 CH-1055



**COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY.** Commercial building 30x98 with 2,940 sq. ft. has a full basement for storage. Possible retail commercial or office establishment. Bathroom on main floor. Backs up to alley for convenient loading and unloading. Land Contract Terms available. \$140,000 CS-1057



**THIS 1,152 SQ. FT. HOME** has been gutted by fire and condemned! Resting on a 100x200 lot, with the septic and drain field installed in 1993. Steal it away at \$9,000. CH-1084

## CALL COLDWELL BANKER

I-75 Business Loop (South) • Grayling  
 517-348-6481 • 800-300-6653

Visit our website at:

[www.grayling-area.com/coldwell](http://www.grayling-area.com/coldwell)  
 E-Mail Address: [cornell@freeway.net](mailto:cornell@freeway.net)

[www.coldwellbanker.com](http://www.coldwellbanker.com)

**COLDWELL BANKER**

**CORNELL REALTY**

For Over 90 Years • Making Real Estate Real Easy.™  
 Each Office Is Independently Owned & Operated



**CABIN IN WARBLER'S HIDEAWAY.** Two bedroom, one bath cabin has been freshly painted on the exterior, new carpeting & blinds and a woodstove. \$43,900 MLS# 9-3887



**BEAUTIFUL LOG HOME IN FOX RUN ESTATES.** Natural pine log, second story greatroom, stone fireplace, Berber carpet, loft, central air, irrigating system, landscaping and patio. All this on the 12th fairway at Fox Run. Purchase includes a lifetime membership! \$229,000 MLS# 9-3897



**5 ACRES WITH 148' FRONTAGE ON THE MANISTEE RIVER!** Seller will consider a land contract. Private fishing comes with this 3 bedroom home with T&G knotty cedar, screened in porch, large pole barn & shed. Make an offer! \$120,000 MLS# 9-2472



**THREE BEDROOMS WITH FULL BASEMENT** is only a small part of what this home has to offer. Vinyl siding and nicely wooded lot and less than a mile to 1000's of acres of state land. \$67,500 MLS# 9-3504



**HANDYMAN SPECIAL.** Over 1400 square feet with 3 bedrooms and a 24x24 new garage. Needs work, priced to sell at only \$26,000 (BSO-1244)



**EXCEPTIONAL VALUE - COUNTRY LIVING ON 5 ACRES.** Well maintained 3 bedroom home features walk-in closet, new carpeting in living room, washer & dryer. 200-amp service to house and pole barn. \$65,000 MLS# 9-1232



**BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED 3 BEDROOM HOME** offers vinyl siding, deck, 2 car garage and garden area. Very near high school. \$68,900 MLS# 9-2721



**CABIN ON COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD** - Perfect location for endless recreational opportunities. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, appliances, within walking distance to public access site of famous Ausable River and 1000's of acres of state land. \$39,900 MLS# 9-2593



**HUNTERS PARADISE!** Completely furnished built over mobile home on 5 acres. 2 bedrooms and one bath and enclosed porch. Near Staley Lake and snowmobile trails. \$27,500 MLS# 9-3450

### SALES TEAM



**Curt LaMotte**  
 Broker



**Laurie Jamison**  
 General Manager  
 Associate Broker



**Bonnie S. Odell** ABR  
 Office Manager  
 Associate Broker



**Rhonda Smith**  
 Associate Realtor



**Caron Slane**  
 Associate Realtor



**Kevin Jamison** ABR  
 Associate Broker  
 Valuation Specialist



**Kim McClain**  
 Associate Broker



**Diann S. Murphy**  
 Associate Realtor



**Terry L. Vandecar**  
 Associate Realtor



**Dorey LaMotte**  
 Associate Realtor



**Jayson & Michelle Weiser**  
 Associate Realtors



**Fred Shippy**  
 Associate Realtor

**Web**  
 Be a make  
 agent  
 about the  
 business  
 of real estate

**{ 22 to be exact }**

**Introducing our Seller Services Guarantee.** At COLDWELL BANKER, we only have one objective—satisfying our customers' needs. Our 22-Point Guarantee lists, in writing, all the services we will perform to market your home. And you can count on us to keep our promises, or you can terminate the agreement. So to find out all the ways COLDWELL BANKER can help you sell your home, make it a point to call us today.

## Send Your Message

There's no better way to do that than advertising in the newspaper.

On an average weekday, 78.2 million adults read the newspaper; on an average Sunday, 91 million do.\*

People choose to read a newspaper; they set aside time to concentrate on what it says. That means they set aside time for the advertisers, too. That's just one area where newspaper advertising differs from TV advertisements.

Get your message to your buyers—**advertise in the newspaper!**

**CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE**

TV ads usually don't get the full attention of viewers; in fact, they are viewed negatively as an intrusion. Many of them are missed altogether because people use the commercial breaks to do other things.

Newspaper ads are favored by 55% of the people compared to 8% of the people who favor TV ads as the place to find the best buys on products they want and need.\*\*

\*Source: Scarborough Top 50 Market Reports  
 \*\*The Nielsen Organization, Dec. '92

2. For Rent

**TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT** above the Frederic Inn. Contact Gene at 517-348-8636. (12/2/99tf/2)

2. For Rent

**ONE BEDROOM HOUSE DOWN-TOWN.** Grayling. \$300/month. \$325/deposit. 517-348-4443 (-30-6/2)

2. For Rent

**NICE TWO BEDROOM** North Higgins Lake Rd., 15 minutes from Grayling. \$450 month, first and last months rent, credit check. 517-939-8965 (-23-30/2)

**SMALL EFFICIENCY UNIT** for single working person. Furnished, includes utilities and cable. \$280/motnh plus deposit. Call 517-348-5433. (12/30/99tf/2)

**THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME** can always be found in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds. (517) 348-6811

**EFFICIENCY APARTMENT** for rent \$240 monthly plus security deposit and cleaning fee. Trash pick-up and snowplowing included. Call 517-348-5124. (-30/2)

**FURNISHED APARTMENTS** Weekly special \$149 per week includes microwave refrigerator, kitchenettes, free breakfast, HBO, Cinemax. Call AuSable Motel 517-348-8900. (-30/2)

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

**ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT** All utilities furnished. \$350/month. 517-348-4443 (-30-6/2)

**NICE CLEAN ONE BEDROOM** duplex. Natural gas, recent remodeling, nice neighbors. 650 sq. ft. Non-smoking unit. \$325 Rental and employment references. 310A Rolla St. Phone 517-348-2178. (12/30/99tf/2)

**WHY RENT A ROOM** in someone's house? Get a cabin of your own. See ad Cozy Cabins. (-9-16-23-30/2)

**THE CLASSIFIED** - The perfect place to find that first car. (517) 348-6811

**COZY CABINS** in wooded setting. Cabin one is small, but perfect for one person or two very close friends. Only \$220 month includes utilities and microwave/refrigerator plus \$150 security, new carpet. Other cabins may become available. Call for more information. 877-227-6976. Lost Acres Cabins are located at 1010 N. Old U.S. 27, two miles south of Waters. (-30/2)

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

**FIVE BEDROOM** home for rent in Frederic. \$500 plus utilities, security deposit required. Call daytime 517-348-7086 and evenings 517-348-2077, ask for Margaret. (-23-30/2)

**BEDROOM FOR RENT** Enjoy peaceful solitude in this AuSable River home, surrounded by woods and wildlife. Only two miles from downtown Grayling. \$325 month includes free utilities, plus kitchen, Cable TV, library, sauna, hot tub and more. 517-348-2083 (-23-30/2)

**MONTHLY OR WEEKLY RENTAL** available North Country Lodge. 517-348-8471 (-9-16-23-30/2)

**A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD** can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

**ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX APARTMENT** in Roscommon. \$300 per month plus deposit. Includes snow plowing. Call Northwoods Rentals 517-275-5225. (12/2/99tf/2)

**DOWNTOWN GRAYLING** two bedroom upper level apartment, private balcony, intercom from apartment to locked security door. Coin operated washer and dryer for tenant use. Must see to appreciate. \$400 per month plus utilities. References required, first and last months rent required to move in. Call 517-348-7143. (-30-6/2)

**HELP WANTED HINTS** When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

**FURNISHED HOME** for the executive two bedroom, 1 1/2 bath with loft and two car garage. 800 ft. of frontage on the AuSable balcony, decks and awesome view available February 2000 for one to three years. \$900 per month. 810-234-5763 (LR1/20/00/2)

2. For Rent

**TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT** Non-smokers, no pets. \$475 plus deposit and gas. 517-348-4840 (-30-6/2)

**RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS** at the corner of Hannah and Ballenger St. in Roscommon has one, two and three bedroom units available. Rent based on income. Applications at office on site or call 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin St., Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-9-16-23-30/2)

**RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS** 306 Knight Street in Grayling has one bedroom unit for immediate occupancy by qualified applicants. Persons must be 62 years or older, or handicapped and/or disabled of any age. Rent based on income with subsidy available. Barrier free apartments. Applications on site or call Linda at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155 (-9-16-23-30/2)

**ADVERTISING DEADLINES:** Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday. All others 5 p.m. Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday. Classified by the word - 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication.

**THREE BEDROOM WITH GARAGE** in town. Must have references, no pets. 517-348-6626 (-30/2)

3. Employment

**TYPESETTER-PART-TIME.** Must possess good typing skills with computer experience. Send resume and cover letter to: Crawford County Avalanche, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (12/9/99tf/3)

**HANSON HILLS** is now hiring ski instructors for after school and weekends. Pick up applications at Hanson Hills. (-30/3)

**OWN A COMPUTER?** Put it to work! \$25-\$75/hr. PT/FT 1-800-784-8556 www.pcpays.com (-30-6-13-20/3)

## NEW RENT SCHEDULE GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION

Effective October 12, 1999

Family 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units have new maximum rents in place.

Two-bedroom flat rent = \$350.00 includes utilities.  
Three-bedroom flat rent = \$375.00 includes utilities.  
Four-bedroom flat rent = \$400.00 includes utilities.

The Grayling Housing Commission basic rent is still calculated on 30% of income.

The Grayling Housing Commission is located at 308 Lawndale Drive



Telephone: 517-348-9314

1. Real Estate

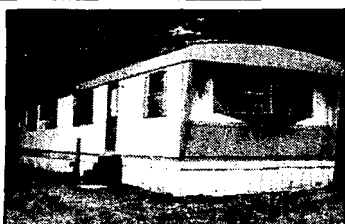
## Century 21 River Country Real Estate

See all of our listings at:

www.century21grayling.com



**Affordable & Clean 2 bedroom** home located on a nice size lot in Grayling Mobile Est. Features dry wall, new efficient forced air furnace & a 2 car garage with 2 electric garage door openers, plus a large covered patio! #4534 \$27,000 Ask for Connie Winans!



**What a view!** This mobile located near Blue Lake, state land, snowmobile and ORV trails has it all to offer for that weekend getaway. This mobile has new well, septic and is priced to sell. #4217 \$29,900 Ask for Bob Pollack!



**Spotless mobile with many extras on acreage.** Many extras include floor reinforced beneath wood burner, new furnace 6 years ago, 80" deep 2" submersible pump, outbuildings, pride of ownership throughout! Includes stove & refrigerator. The washer & dryer and freezer are negotiable as is the cut firewood. #4487 \$59,900 Ask for Randall Hartley!



**This lively 4 bedroom Ranch home** is sitting on 5 acres on the corner of 5 Mile and Oak Roads. It has a full master bath, oak kitchen cabinets, brass lighting fixtures, a very nice snack bar between the kitchen and dining room. A french door wall leading out onto a deck in the back yard, a large garage with work shop. This home is just minutes from Grayling, Lake Margrethe, Higgins Lake and Fox Run Golf Course. #4465 \$89,900 Ask for John Kuszak!



**Starvation Lake-103' of frontage! Reduced!** Indoor hot tub, 2 wet bars, oak kitchen with island, library, office, multi-decks. Large secluded lot with dock & boat facilities. Located near thousands of acres of state land. Various types of custom woods used in the majority of interior. Massive and an abundance of windows with open views of lake. \$339,000 #4420 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



**Perfect location for your in-home business!** This 2 bedroom mobile home offers 200 ft. commercial frontage on growing M-72 West along with large 20x24 addition with basement and large drive-thru garage. Motivated Seller! PRICE REDUCED TO: \$48,000 #4376 Ask for Scott Hanson!



2375 S. I-75 Bus. Loop (Next to K-Mart) • Grayling, MI  
Office 348-5474  
FAX 348-4420



1993-1996-1997  
Quality Service  
Award Winning  
Office

EACH OFFICE IS INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

## Your Lender for All Seasons.

- Rate & Term Refinance
- Purchase
- New Construction
- Income Properties
- Speciality Loans
- No Income - No Asset
- Pay Off Land Contract
- Debt Consolidation
- Bruised Credit
- Nationwide



(517) 348-5435

**OLD KENT**

Member FDIC ©1999 Old Kent Bank

## All Classified ads by the word are now on the internet

\$4<sup>00</sup> first 15 words  
10¢ each additional word

Check out our page at  
www.townnews.com/avalanche/

## ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

517-348-6811 • www.townnews.com/avalanche/

### Categories (Circle One)

- |                  |                     |                  |                  |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Real Estate   | 3. Employment       | 6. Wanted        | 9. Personals     |
| 2. For Rent      | 4. Services Offered | 7. Miscellaneous | 10. Garage Sales |
| 2a. Want To Rent | 5. For Sale         | 8. Announcements | 11. Automotive   |

\$4.00	\$4.10	\$4.20	\$4.30	\$4.40	\$4.50	\$4.60	
\$4.70	\$4.80	\$4.90	\$5.00	\$5.10	\$5.20	\$5.30	
\$5.40	\$5.50	\$5.60	\$5.70	\$5.80	\$5.90	\$6.00	
\$6.10	\$6.20	\$6.30	\$6.40	\$6.50	\$6.60	\$6.70	
\$6.80	\$6.90	\$7.00	\$7.10	\$7.20	\$7.30	\$7.40	
\$7.50	\$7.60	\$7.70	\$7.80	\$7.90	\$8.00	\$8.10	

CLASSIFIEDS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY TUESDAY NOON

Minimum charge, \$4.00 for the first 15 words, 10¢ for each additional word. Please use as many words as you like, one word per box. Includes listing on the Avalanche internet page.



### 3. Employment

**ATTN: NEEDED** 11 mothers and others to work from home. \$800-4,500/month. PT/FT. 800-934-9557 or www.wfhonline.com ID # 2550 (-30-6/3)

**ANIMAL CARE WORKER** and Farm Help for Pet Resort and Alpaca Farm. Must be able to work weekends and enjoy working outdoors. Dependable individuals will enjoy unique job opportunity. 517-821-9137 (-30-6/3)

**LABORERS** Entry level position with environmental service company. Heavy physical work, variable hours, some travel. You must have a good driving record. If you are a reliable worker, we can offer you a job with competitive benefits and the opportunity for advancement. Apply in person, Northern A-1 Services, 2305 N. U.S. 131, Kalkaska. E.O.E. (-23-30/3)

**IMMEDIATE POSITION OPEN** at Peterson Saw Service, Inc. Full-time. No experience necessary. Please apply in person at 9443 W. M-72, Grayling. (-30-6/3)

**A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD** can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

**LAND CLEARING COMPANY:** Immediate openings for the following positions: Truck Driver Field Mechanic - Heavy Equipment: Heavy Logging Operators, Welder. Prior logging experience a plus. Downstate Michigan, housing provided. \$12.00-\$14.00/hr. based on experience. Call 231-947-1990, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (-30-6/3)

**HELP WANTED** Earn up to \$375 weekly assembling Medical ID Cards at home. Immediate openings, your area. Call 1-520-505-4411 Ext. W3469. (-30/3)

**DRIVER-OWNER/ OPERATORS**  
Maximize your PROFITS at ROEHL!  
Great miles, Great programs  
Pull our van or F/B  
Pull your F/B  
82¢ to 94¢/mi  
\$\$\$1-800-338-9295\$\$\$  
www.roehl.net/np.htm

### 3. Employment

**HOME HEALTH AIDES** Flexible hours, training provided. Become a member of our team, caring for patients in their homes in the Grayling area. Valid Michigan driver's license, dependable transportation, and a strong desire to deliver excellent care required. Competitive pay, on-the-job mileage. Call 888-626-2031, ext. 2105, for application or send resume to: Human Resources, Vital Care, 761 Lafayette, Cheboygan, MI 49721. Equal Opportunity Employer. (-23-30/3)

**RN'S** Flexible positions available in Grayling area for RN's interested in contingent work in the home care setting. Strong assessment skills, current Michigan licensure, two years Med-Surg. experience required. Home care experience, BSN preferred. Diabetic, cardiac specialties highly valued. Competitive pay, reimbursed mileage. Call 888-626-2031, ext. 2105, for more information or send resume to: Vital Care Human Resources, 761 Lafayette, Cheboygan, MI 49721. Equal Opportunity Employer. (-23-30/3)

### 4. Services Offered

**PIANO TUNING AND REPAIRS** Rogers Piano Service, Fairview, MI 48621. Over 20 years experience. (517) 848-2262. (3/19/91tf/4)

**SNOW PLOWING**, snow removal and shoveling. Free estimates given. Call 517-344-6848 ask for Mike or leave a message on answering machine. (-23-30/4)

### 3. Employment

**MERCY AMICARE HOME CARE & HOSPICE**  
Affiliated with the Mercy Health Services North Community Healthcare System

**HOMECARE - Full Time RN - Grayling/Houghton Lake Area and Coningent RNs - All Service Areas.** One or more years of professional nursing experience required. Med/surg or ICU experience desirable. Must have well developed assessment skills and ability to work independently. Excellent wages and mileage reimbursement. On-call responsibilities. Contact: Maureen Hayes, Clinical Manager.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE TECHNICIAN - Full Time - Grayling Office.** Responsibilities include delivering products and supplies to client homes, providing operating instructions on standard durable medical equipment items, and assisting with inventory management, warehouse and vehicle maintenance. This position requires a high school diploma or GED and a good driving record with appropriate license. Familiarity with durable medical equipment preferred. Please contact Ed Lohr, Operations Manager.

TO APPLY, PLEASE COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AT 125 MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI OR FAX APPLICATION/RESUME TO MANAGER LISTED IN AD AT:  
517-348-3234 (FAX)  
PHONE: 1-800-424-1457 / 1-517-348-4383  
MERCY AMICARE HOMECARE & HOSPICE IS COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE AND IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

### 4. Services Offered

**MAKE YOUR OWN** porcelain doll. Call for information 517-348-8350. (10/14/99tf/4)

**I CHARGE** by the job not by the hour. Snow shoveling, side-walks, driveways, porches, decks, houses, garages, sheds and wood cutting and wood stacking, etc. 517-348-5081 (-23-30/4)

**LICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDER** located in the City of Grayling has an immediate full-time opening. Call Kate at 517-344-1048. (-30-6-13-20/4)

**THE CAR LOT** is always open in the Avalanche classifieds. (517) 348-6811

**BAND INSTRUMENT REPAIR** Thirty years experience, prompt service. Fred Battershell. (517) 275-8382 (LR5/18/00/4)

**SNOW SHOVELING** of roofs, walks and drives, salting. Dependable. 517-348-6169 (-30-6/4)

**COMPLETE SEPTIC TANK INSTALLATION & CLEANING** Jack Millikin, Inc. 348-8411 (-10/11/94)

**CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY** Over 10 years experience Choose fabric in your home FREE estimates • Pick-up & delivery Shirley Bolton (616)258-2610

### 4. Services Offered

**A.M. SNOWPLOWING** Insured commercial and residential. Larry 517-821-7713 (-30-6-13/4)

**Odd-Job Enterprises**  
Let us do your small home repairs  
FREE ESTIMATES - CALL  
U.C. Norm Schmooch (Ref.)  
348-5132  
No odd jobs too small for Odd Job

**Think Snow**  
Snow Removal  
Commercial-Residential  
Driveways • Parking Lots  
Sanding or Salting  
Insured  
Hal's  
Masonry, Inc.  
348-8179

### 4. Services Offered

**on-site**  
**COMPUTER REPAIR SALES & SERVICE**

new & used computer equipment  
repairs on most makes and models  
custom configured system upgrades  
memory upgrades  
cd-rom drives  
printer repair & service  
internet setup & software help  
new internet & game ready systems starting at \$899.00

**@ 517-348-7504**  
home PERSONAL COMPUTER SERVICE



**CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE**  
102 Mich. Ave. • Grayling • 348-6811

*Crawford County's Hometown Newspaper Since 1877*

Read the Newspaper

(517) 348-6811 • Fax (517) 348-6806  
Visit us on the Internet! www.townnews.com/avalanche/

**YOUR 2 PIZZAS**

Little Caesars® is Y2P Compliant. You'll always get 2 Great Pizzas for one low price in the new Millennium!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

GRAYLING LITTLE CAESARS HAS RE-OPENED

**GRAYLING**  
Pizza Parlor  
(517) 348-2828  
307 S. James St.  
(Across from Grayling Ford, Lincoln Mercury)

**GAYLORD**  
Pizza Parlor  
(517) 732-2422  
Dine In • Carryout • Delivery  
BEER & WINE SERVED  
M-32 W. (1 block west of I-75)

**DELIVERY STARTS NEXT WEEK!**  
Open Daily at 11:00 A.M.

<p><b>Little Caesars</b> FAMILY CHOICE <b>PIZZA! PIZZA!®</b> TWO MEDIUM PIZZAS: ONE WITH UP TO 6 TOPPINGS AND ONE WITH 1 TOPPING <b>\$12.99</b> CARRYOUT PLUS TAX DELIVERY CHARGE MAY APPLY Expires 1/2/2000 Valid only at Grayling and Gaylord locations © 1999 L.C.E., Inc.</p>	<p><b>Little Caesars</b> TASTY TEN PIECE <b>CHICKEN WINGS</b> TEN PIECE CHICKEN WINGS AND FOUR PIECES OF CRAZY BREAD CHOOSE FROM: HOT, MEDIUM OR MILD <b>\$4.59</b> CARRYOUT PLUS TAX DELIVERY CHARGE MAY APPLY Expires 1/2/2000 Valid only at Grayling and Gaylord locations © 1999 L.C.E., Inc.</p>	<p><b>Little Caesars</b> MEDIUM <b>PIZZA! PIZZA!®</b> TWO MEDIUM PIZZAS: WITH 1 TOPPING <b>\$8.99</b> CARRYOUT PLUS TAX DELIVERY CHARGE MAY APPLY Expires 1/2/2000 Valid only at Grayling and Gaylord locations © 1999 L.C.E., Inc.</p>
<p><b>Little Caesars</b> ITALIAN <b>CHEESE BREAD®</b> TEN PIECES OF FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, COVERED WITH CHEESE AND TOPPED WITH SPICES <b>\$3.19</b> CARRYOUT PLUS TAX DELIVERY CHARGE MAY APPLY Expires 1/2/2000 Valid only at Grayling and Gaylord locations © 1999 L.C.E., Inc.</p>	<p><b>Little Caesars</b> <b>MILLENNIUM MEAL</b> 3 LARGE PIZZAS WITH 1 TOPPING AND 8 PIECE ORDER OF CRAZY BREAD® <b>\$19.99</b> CARRYOUT PLUS TAX DELIVERY CHARGE MAY APPLY Expires 1/2/2000 Valid only at Grayling and Gaylord locations © 1999 L.C.E., Inc.</p>	<p><b>Little Caesars</b> <b>LARGE PIZZA MEAL DEAL</b> ONE LARGE PIZZA WITH 1 TOPPING CRAZY BREAD AND CRAZY SAUCE AND A 2 LITER OF POP <b>\$9.99</b> CARRYOUT PLUS TAX DELIVERY CHARGE MAY APPLY Expires 1/2/2000 Valid only at Grayling and Gaylord locations © 1999 L.C.E., Inc.</p>

**AT THE GRAYLING STORE ONLY!**  
FREE GIFT FOR EVERY CHILD UNDER 12, WEEK BETWEEN CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS ONLY!

**YOUR GRAYLING LITTLE CAESARS®**  
NOW HAS NEW OWNERS, A NEW MANAGER AND A NEW CREW WITH A NEW ATTITUDE!  
We've turned the store inside out to make it squeaky clean for your dining enjoyment! Come in and see for yourself!

**ALL DAY EVERY DAY**  
1 SLICE PEPPERONI **99¢**  
Both Locations

Little Caesars of Grayling & Gaylord are Y2P Compliant. You'll Always Get 2 Great Pizzas For One Low Price!

**Mich-CAN Statewide Ad Network**

**EMPLOYMENT**

**MEDICAL BILLING - EARN EXCELLENT INCOME!** Full training provided. Home computer required. Call toll free 1-800-540-6333 ext. 2237.

**SMALL COMPANY NOW HIRING** Flatbed Drivers. Good pay. Excellent benefits with Retirement. Pets Conventionals. Specialized Hauling 1-800-831-0870. Call Monday - Saturday, 7:00-5:30.

**DO YOUR OWN CASH IN A DAY?** You earn Local \$800 in Route. Includes 30 machines and free candy. All for \$9,995. Call 1-800-998-VEND.

**DRIVERS - WE PAY for your EXPERIENCE.** Home weekly or 6-10 days guaranteed - your choice... Regional, Dedicated or OTR, Jump Start Lease Program! M.S. Carriers. 1-800-231-5209 EOE.

**DRIVERS - DO YOU WANT GUARANTEED HOME TIME?** It's Yours By Calling: 1-800-247-8040. SMITHWAY MOTOR XPRESS. Earnings up to .39 cents a MILE. COMPLETE BENEFITS PACKAGE! www.smxc.com

**EMERGING COMPANY NEEDS** Medical Insurance Billing assistance immediately. If you have a PC you can earn \$\$\$ annually call EMB @ 1-800-291-4683 Dept #139

**START YOUR OWN BUSINESS!** Set your own schedule. Control your own income. Be an Avon Representative. Free start-up kit through January 7th. Call (888) 942-4053.

**DRIVER COVENANT/TRANS-PORT.** \$1,000 sign-on bonus for Exp. Company Drivers 1-800-441-394. Owner Operators Call 1-888-667-3729. Bud Meyer Truck Lines Refrigerated Hauling CALL TOLL FREE 1-877-283-8393 Solo Drivers & Contractors.

**DRIVERS...SWIFT TRANSPORTATION** HIRING EXPERIENCED DRIVERS & O/O. ASK ABOUT SIGN-ON BONUS! CDL Training Available! Excellent Pay/Benefits, Assigned Equipment, Job Stability 1-800-575-9487.

**CASH FOR LAND CONTRACTS.** R E Investments, in Southfield Michigan, wants to pay you top dollar and provide you with fast and professional service. CALL 1-800-886-5995 Ext 112

**LAND CONTRACTS\*\*\*** If you're receiving payments on a Land Contract, GET A BETTER CASH PRICE IN ONE DAY. Argo Realty (248) 569-1200, Toll-Free 1-800-367-2746.

**NEED CASH?** Immediate cash paid for lottery winnings and legal settlements for medical malpractice, personal injury and wrongful death. Call Singer Asset at 1-800-605-5007. www.singerasset.com

**DOCTOR LOANS MONEY ON REAL ESTATE AND BUYS LAND CONTRACTS.** Fast closing, immediate cash. Deal directly with Doctor Daniels & Son, 1-800-837-6166, 1-248-335-6166

**CHIMNEY RELINING AND REPAIRS** POURED IN PLACE. UL LISTED LINER. SERVING MICHIGAN FOR 35 YEARS. TOWNHOMES CHIMNEY REPAIR 1-800-832-7080. INSURANCE WORK WELCOME.

**CASH IMMEDIATE - \$\$\$** up front cash for income streams from Private Notes, Real Estate, Annuities and Insurance Payments. Viatical Settlements. Call James Gerard at J.G. Wentworth 1-800-454-9368.

**Mortgages, Christmas Money,** Hassle-free, 24 Hour Approval, Debt Consolidation, Lower Rate, Home Improvement Divorce, Bankruptcy, All Credit Acceptable. Even 100% Loan @ 9.9% Jim, 1-800-995-2565.

**BANKRUPTCY \$79+.** E-Z File Save! Hundreds. Guaranteed valid. Divorce \$99+. Exciting Home Business Opportunities - will train! Guaranteed Stop Foreclosure \$350! FreshStart 1-888-419-9417. www.freshstart-usa.com

**BASIMENT WATERPROOFING.** Lifetime Warranty Foundation. Repairs. Permanent Wall Stabilization. SERVING MICHIGAN FOR 35 YEARS. TOWNHOMES SERVICES 1-800-832-7060

**MORTGAGE LOANS\*\*\*** Good credit or bank turn downs welcome! Best rates anywhere! Refinance/purchase. Debt consolidation, home improvements. Construction. Land Contract payoffs. Modulars, Mobile homes. ALSO CASH FOR INJURY SETTLEMENTS, TRUSTS, INHERITANCES, PROBATES, LOTTERIES, LEASES, MILITARY PENSIONS/DISABILITY LAND CONTRACT PAYMENTS! Easy home & commercial loans by phone/mail. Call CITIZENS MORTGAGE 1-800-910-5626 (LOAN), 1-800-673-4200, 1-800-324-7872.

**WELCOMED! Best rates anywhere!** Refinance/purchase. Debt consolidation, home improvements. Construction. Land Contract payoffs. Modulars, Mobile homes. ALSO CASH FOR INJURY SETTLEMENTS, TRUSTS, INHERITANCES, PROBATES, LOTTERIES, LEASES, MILITARY PENSIONS/DISABILITY LAND CONTRACT PAYMENTS! Easy home & commercial loans by phone/mail. Call CITIZENS MORTGAGE 1-800-910-5626 (LOAN), 1-800-673-4200, 1-800-324-7872.

**STEEL BUILDINGS** Sale: 5,000+ sizes, 40x60x14, \$8,361; 50x75x14, \$11,373; 50x100x16, \$15,070; 60x100x16, \$16,565; Mini-storage buildings, 40x160, 32 units, \$16,534. Free brochure. www.sentinelbuildings.com Sentinel Buildings, 800-327-0790 Extension 79.

**AMAZINGLY LOW PRICES** Wolf Tanning Beds. Buy Factory Direct. Excellent Service. Flexible Financing. Avail. Home/Commercial Units. FREE Color Catalog 1-800-942-1310

**BUILDING SALE...** No Salesman. Go Direct and Save. Final Clearance. 20x26 \$2,600.00. 25x30 \$3,145.00. 30x40 \$4,750.00. 35x50 \$6,100.00. 40x60 \$7,800.00. 48x90 \$12,000.00. Others. Pioneer 1-800-668-5422.

**DISABLED?** New and used wheel chair vans. Trades welcome. New and used wheel chair lifts, hand controls, etc. VA and worker's comp welcome. 1-800-345-3150.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**SAWMILL \$3795.** Saw logs into boards, planks, beams. Large capacity. Best sawmill values anywhere. Free information. Norwood Sawmills, 252 Sonvil Drive, Buffalo, NY 14225-1-800-578-1363.

**BUILD YOUR OWN HOME!** NO DOWN PAYMENT! 100% FINANCING ON LAND, LABOR AND MATERIALS! MANY FLOOR PLANS TO CHOOSE FROM! CALL SHUBERRY HOMES TODAY! 1-800-593-3515.

**PLACE YOUR STATEWIDE AD HERE!** \$249 buys a 2-3 million circulation. Contact the Crawford County Avalanche at 517-348-6811 for details.

**'98 POLARIS XC600.** Stock Road, one year. \$3,000 517-821-5922 (12/30/99tf/5)

**FOR SALE** Dry oak, maple \$35 a cord. Cut, split and delivered. Stacking available. (517) 348-1870. Chris (LR1/6/00/5)

**SEASONED HARDWOOD OAK MAPLE** \$40. F/C delivered and stacked. Leave message 517-348-6340. Minimum two cord. (LR2/24/00/5)

**REGISTERED ROTTWEILER PUPPIES** docked tails and dew claws cut. \$200 firm. 517-348-7234 (-16-23-30/5)

**LOVE SEAT** and matching couch. See to appreciate. Deep burgundy, medium oak Queen Anne legs. No wear, very clean. \$200 each. 517-348-1254. (-30/5)

**A COMPLETE QUEEN ORTHOPEDIC** mattress set. Brass headboard frame, brand new. Liquidation was \$1,000 sacrifice for \$250. Delivery available. 517-731-6255 (LR1/27/00/5)

**1995 POLARIS 600 XLT** Indy. Excellent condition, 4,000 miles. \$2,700 O.B.O. 517-348-5372 after 6 p.m. (-9-16-23-30/5)

**DOG SHI TZU** Five months old with papers. \$200 O.B.O. Great family dog. 517-348-5842 (11/18/99tf/5)

**1996 ARCTIC CAT Z-440** Excellent condition, asking \$2,200. 517-348-4096 (-30-6/5)

**POLARIS DEALS!** New 2000 Super sport 550 for \$3,688 plus freight and prep. All models on sale. Bank financing. Spicer's Boat City, 4165 West Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake, MI 48629. 517-366-8400 (-23-30/5)

**SKI-DOO NEW.** 199 500 cc Touring sleds with electric start, reverse, backrest and all the gauges. On sale for \$4,399 plus freight and prep. Bank terms. Spicer's Boat City, 4165 West Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake, MI 48629. 517-366-8400 (-23-30/5)

#### CONTRACT FUNDING GROUP!

Are you receiving payments from a contract?  
Call us and cash out!  
Free call, free quote,  
Fast and friendly service  
1-888-332-3488

**Workonolies Chimney Sweeping**  
**Are You Ready For Winter?**

Fast Service  
(517) 348-4329

**WANTED TO BUY** Hummels and Denim Day by Home Interiors. 1-517-473-2006 or 1-888-473-2006. (-2-9-16-23-30/6)

**'98 POLARIS XC600.** Stock Road, one year. \$3,000 517-821-5922 (12/30/99tf/5)

**WANTED TO BUY** Glassware, Lenox China, Roseville, Hull, McCoy, Shawnee, Royal Copley, depression, anything you have give me a call. I'll buy it all. 517-473-2006 or 1-888-473-2006. (-2-9-16-23-30/6)

**7. Miscellaneous**

**LOST BLONDE COLLIE** Chow mix from M-72 East, Deer Track Trail. Name is Gypsy. Disappeared on 12-14-99. 517-348-1968 (-30/7)

**THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME** can always be found in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

**8. Automobiles**

**SPEAKEASY SALOON** Live entertainment Tuesday thru Saturday bands playing - 12/22 thru 12/23 Overdrive, 12/29 thru 1/1 Mo Jo and The Boogieband, 1/5 thru 1/8 Denny Luce. (-23-30/8)

**SOUP/SANDWICH/SALAD/DESSERT** luncheon. Thursday, January 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$4.50 per person. Take out available. Everyone welcome. Michelson United Methodist Church on Michigan Ave. (-30/8)

**ATTENTION: SPIKE'S GUESTS** we have two new menu features: Our Friday Fish Fry now has extended hours and lower prices, serving from noon until 4 p.m., all you can eat is \$6.95, a single portion is \$3.50, if you can't make it early our regular fish fry serves from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m., all you can eat is \$6.95, a single portion is \$3.75. Saturday's feature, from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m., is a Prime Rib dinner for \$9.95. Spike's Keg O'Nails, 301 N. James Street, Grayling. Take out available 517-348-7113. (9/30/99tf/8)

**NEED RUBBER STAMPS?** Call (517) 348-6811.

**Answers**

NOV	KIN	WHIMS
OLIO	ATA	EERIE
REAR	TSPS	BLEAT
EW	WISP	
JRISH	KEEN	LAMS
WOK	AGENDA	ELBA
ONE	LUNGE	ASTAN
PEN	SIS	
JEEERS	INFER	PIP
OLGA	EMBLEM	ADO
BLOT	RACY	ENDOW
TANG	NNE	
OPALS	ETTA	CARR
RELET	KIT	KNEE
BALSA	ONO	DOG

**Happy Birthday Gandy!!**

**We love you, Connie, Meghan & Connor**

**St. Francis Thrift Shop**  
6445 West M-72, Grayling  
517-348-2572

A special "Thank You" to our Friends in the community for their continued support and to the Volunteers who faithfully give of their time and talents. Wishing everyone a safe and joyous Holiday Season.

THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st. REGULAR SHOP HOURS Tuesday thru Friday 10am to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm.

**St. Francis Thrift Shop**  
6445 West M-72, Grayling  
(517) 348-2572

We invite you to drop in and check out the great savings during our annual "Holiday Sale".  
**50% off ALL CLOTHING**  
December 28, 29 & 30

THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED December 31st and January 1st. THRIFT SHOP "HOLIDAY SALE" SCHEDULE Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am to 4pm

**11. Automotive**

**CALL ADVANCE COLLISION** for all of your auto body repairs. 517-348-7595 Happy Holidays. (-23-30/11)

**1986 OLDS CUTLASS CIERA** 2.5 L automatic, power everything, everything works, new tires, brakes, starter, runs and looks good. \$1,850 517-348-8015 (-30-6/11)

**1998 BONNEVILLE** 12,000 miles. \$16,000 517-348-4156 (LR2/24/00/11)

**DO YOU HAVE** problem credit. Want a new vehicle but you are tired of paying high interest rates? For a limited time Scheer Motors is offering rates as low as 7.9% on select vehicles. Call or stop by and ask for Deb (800) 968-8848 or (517) 348-5451. (LR1/13/00/11) -18-W/11

# Everyone's reading the Crawford County Avalanche! Don't be left out, buy a subscription today & SAVE!

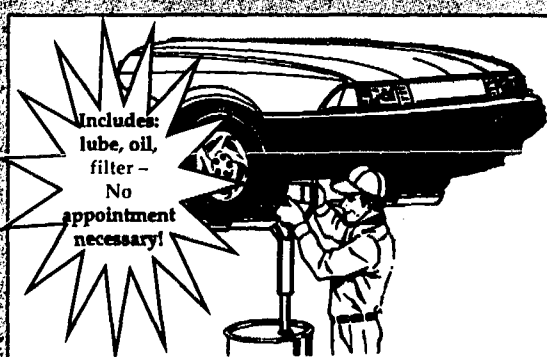
## SUBSCRIBE NOW!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Local**.....\$16  
Crawford, Roscommon, Otsego, Kalkaska & Oscoda Counties  
**Seasonal Address Changes** ..... add \$4  
**Non-Local**.....\$24  
Outside local counties  
**Foreign** .....\$52  
\$1 Senior Citizen discount on all rates. Age 60 and older.

**Crawford County Avalanche**  
PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738 • 517-348-6811

## GOOD NEWS!



Includes:  
lube, oil,  
filter -  
No  
appointment  
necessary!

**Scheer Motors is NOW Open for Service**

**and Parts on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**SPREAD THE WORD!**

**SCHEER MOTORS**

"THE PLUS MEANS BETTER"

• Competitive Upfront Pricing  
• Limited Lifetime Guarantee  
• Parts & Labor  
• Customer Transportation